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Welcome to the Spring 2008 issue of **Nursing Notes**, the E-Newsletter for alumni, friends and family of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke Department of Nursing. To learn more about the Nursing Program at UNC Pembroke, visit our Web site at [www.uncp.edu/nursing/](http://www.uncp.edu/nursing/)

## NOTICEABLY NEWSWORTHY

### Fall 2007 Introduction to Professional Nursing Ceremony



On December 6, 2007, the Department of Nursing honored its fall graduates during the “Introduction to Professional Nursing” biannual ceremony. Held in the James B. Chavis University Center Annex, graduates received their nursing pins and accolades from their families, friends, and the nursing faculty. Graduates included: June

Hopkins (Magna Cum Laude), Curnissie Locklear (Magna Cum Laude), Marshirl Locklear (Magna Cum Laude), Jade Peterson, Nadege Trotter, Denise Washington, and Trudie Wilburn (Magna Cum Laude).

Words of inspiration were offered by Joann Anderson, FACHE, President and CEO of Southeastern Regional Medical Center, pictured above. Southeastern is licensed for 337 beds and also operates a 115-bed long-term care center. The facility serves more than 15,000 inpatients and over 65,000 emergency room patients annually. Southeastern Regional Medical Center gave each graduate a long stem red rose in recognition of their achievement.

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This newsletter is published twice a year, in the spring and fall. Your comments and suggestions are welcomed via email to [nursing@uncp.edu](mailto:nursing@uncp.edu) or via phone at 521-6522.

## Department offers Admission to the Class of 2010

The BSN major at UNCP is fast becoming one of the most sought after majors on campus. Our fourth pre-licensure BSN class was offered admission in March. Admission to the upper-division pre-licensure BSN option is highly competitive. A total of 45 students were chosen from approximately 200 qualified applicants. The class will formally begin classes on June 27, 2008. A welcome will be held April 25, 2008. All members of the class will be involved in new nursing student orientation June 10-13, 2008.

## Year Round Learning Enhancement Program

The department's Year Round Learning Enhancement Program has evolved! The UNCP Department of Nursing is in the process of establishing a new *Learning Enhancement Center*, located on the campus of UNCP. Through the development of the *Learning Enhancement Center* the Department of Nursing will further enhance its current academic and social support services. The goal will be to create a culturally responsive learning environment so that (1) students will have the greatest opportunity to successfully complete the nursing program and (2) graduates will have the nursing knowledge required for licensure and entry-level competence for professional nursing practice. Ultimately, the additional academic and social support services will improve the quality and capacity of the nursing program by supporting student retention, program completion, and NCLEX-RN success.

## Korean Students Visit Nursing Department

For 6 weeks this winter, sixteen students and one instructor from Kyung Hee University in Korea visiting UNCP. The students are sophomore and junior nursing students. While they were here they were involved in taking English as a second language and other courses for which they received academic credit. Additionally, the students visited three area hospitals, took a CPR class, gave presentations, attended local events, and sat in on several lectures and seminars.

Mrs. Donna Cutrell was asked to teach a 4-hour health assessment session on February 11, 2008 using our health assessment lab and SimMan. Dr. Synowicz and Rosemarie Pilarczyk also guest lectured to the students. The department hosted a reception for the students as well.



## **Juniors Participate in Workshop, Guest Lecture, and Community Events**

On February 6, 2008, the junior class joined employees of Cape Fear Valley Medical Center to learn more about the grief process and nursing care during infant loss. The conference, Loss of an Infant: A Parent's Perspective, was presented by Ms. Lori Farmer and a panel of parents who have experienced infant loss. Though this one day workshop is held annually, the presentation and perspective are always fresh as the parents and their personal experiences are different each year. Through their personal stories, the panel taught nursing care from the patient perspective. The workshop was sponsored by the Bereavement Committee of Cape Fear. Students participated in this workshop as part of their Nursing 3450, Family Nursing I, course.

Mr. Earnest Grant, RN, MSN from UNC Chapel Hill Jaycee Burn Center is coming to speak to the junior class on April 15, 2008 regarding burn treatment for children. As the largest burn center between Baltimore and Miami the North Carolina Jaycee Burn Center averages almost 600 inpatient admissions and supports over 3500 outpatient clinic visits by burn patients. Mr. Grant is Outreach Coordinator. Students will hear this guest lecture as part of their Nursing 3500, Family Nursing II, course.

The junior class will participate in March of Dimes March for Babies on April 12, 2008. The event will start at Lumberton High School on Fayetteville Road in Lumberton at 1000. The junior class will also participate in Relay for Life to support the American Cancer Society on April 18-19, 2008 from 2pm to 2pm. This 24-hour walk will be held at Belk Athletic Complex - Lumbee Guaranty Bank Stadium. Participation in these events is part of their Nursing 3500, Family Nursing II, course and a way to give back to the community.

## **Faculty Attend Lecture Series at Duke University**

Faculty and students were invited to Duke University on January 18, 2008 as part of the 2008 Harriet Cook Carter Lecture Series, Educating Nurses: Teaching and Learning: A Complex Caring Practice. This part of the series focused on a report of the findings from the Carnegie Foundation for the advancement of Teaching National Study of Nursing Education presented by Patricia Benner PhD, RN, FAAN. Dr. Benner is an internationally noted researcher and lecturer on health, stress and coping, skill acquisition and ethics. Her work has had wide influence on nursing both in the United States and internationally. Dr. Benner's work has influence beyond nursing in the areas of clinical practice and clinical ethics. Currently, Dr. Benner is the Professor and Thelma Shobe Chair in Ethics and Spirituality in nursing Department of Social & Behavioral Science University of California - San Francisco.

(<http://home.earthlink.net/~bennerassoc/patricia.html> and <http://www.duke.edu/today/date.php?id=1200632400>)



Pictured with Dr. Benner from left to right are Kathy Locklear and Donna Cutrell, Assistant Professors, Dr. Benner, Deborah Groves, Assistant Professor, and Quawanna Locklear, senior prelicensure nursing student. Also in attendance, but not pictured, were Cynthia Herndon, Dr. Hwang from Kyung Hee University in Korea, Rosemarie Pilarczyk, Michelle Rupard, and Doretha Singley, and Donna Deese, RN-BSN student.

### **Smooch A Pooch**

On February 21, 2008 UNCP held a Relay for Life Rally to support the American Cancer Society. As part of the rally, Deborah Groves, Assistant Professor, along with her daughter Rebecca Groves, brought their dogs, Cosby and Nellie. For a donation, faculty and students could get a smooch from these pooches. The dogs were a big hit and raised a little money for the cause and helped increase awareness for the Relay for Life activities on campus.

Relay for Life will be April 18-19, 2008 on the UNCP campus at the Lumbee Bank Field, Belk Athletic Complex. The Department of Nursing has 3 teams for the relay and is actively seeking team members and donations.

Pictured at right are Deborah Groves, Assistant Professor, and her daughter, Rebecca Groves along with Cosby and Nellie.



## WORTH NOTING

### Welcome to New Faculty

**Ms. Kathy Locklear**, Assistant Professor, joined the faculty in January 2008. Ms. Locklear received both her CNA and ADN from Robeson Community College, her BSN from UNCP, and her MSN from the University of Phoenix. Her clinical interests include medical/surgical and Obstetrics and Labor and Delivery. Most recently, Ms. Locklear has taught in the community college system.

**Ms. Kathy McNamara**, Assistant Professor, joined the faculty in January 2008. Ms. McNamara received her BSN from the University of New Mexico and her MSN from the University of Virginia. Her clinical concentrations include diabetes and critical care. Most recently, Ms. McNamara has taught in the community college system.

### Faculty and Staff Notations

**Ms. Mary Baynes, Administrative Assistant**, made the Honor's List for the Fall 2007 semester. To qualify for the Honor's List, Ms. Baynes maintained a grade point average of 3.2 while taking at least 15 semester hours.

**Ms. Donna Cutrell, Ms. Thelma Floyd, Ms. Jennifer Johnson, Ms. Rosemarie Pilarczyk, Ms. Michelle Rupard, Ms. Joyce Stanley, Ms. Marge Swierz, and Ms. Jennifer Twaddell** Assistant Professors, attended the 2008 Lilly South Conference, *College and University Teaching: Learning by Design*. The conference was held February 8-10, 2008 in Greensboro, NC.

**Ms. Lori Farmer**, Assistant Professor, presented *Loss of an Infant: A Parent's Perspective* on February 6, 2008 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. In addition to Ms. Farmer's presentation, a panel of parents who have experienced infant loss also shared their personal stories. The workshop was sponsored by the Bereavement Committee of Cape Fear.

**Ms. Cynthia Herndon**, Assistant Professor, attended the *Creative Teaching for Nursing Educators 33rd Annual CTNE Conference* in Memphis, TN March 9- 11, 2008. Ms. Herndon has also been accepted into the PhD in Nursing program at East Carolina University for the Fall 2008 academic year. Congratulations!

**Ms. Michelle Rupard**, Assistant Professor, attended the *National Alliance of Certified Legal Nurse Consultants (NACLNC) Annual Conference* in Las Vegas, Nevada March 17-18, 2008

**Ms. Jennifer Twaddell**, Assistant Professor, attended a workshop entitled *The Science Behind the Art of Maternity Care: Evidence-Based Pregnancy, Birth, and Postpartum Care* on March 14, 2008 in Chapel Hill. Ms. Twaddell has also been accepted into the PhD in Nursing program at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro beginning Fall 2008. Congratulations!



Department of Nursing faculty has a team for Relay for Life.

## CLASS NOTES AND NEWS

### Noteworthy Students

The following students made the **Honors List: Deidre Chavis, Richard Collins, Kayse Edwards, Santwon McCutcheon, Amanda Peterson, Stephanie Tyner, and Lakysha Dunaway Williamson.** To qualify for the Honors List, a student must maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 3.2 while taking at least 15 semester hours. ([http://www.uncp.edu/news/2008/honors\\_list\\_dec\\_2007.htm](http://www.uncp.edu/news/2008/honors_list_dec_2007.htm))

Miss Quawanna Locklear, senior prelicensure student, pictured at right, and Ms. Donna Deese, RN-BSN student, were recipients of Duke University School of Nursing's Sixth Annual Outstanding Scholars Symposium Award.



## **Noteworthy Alumni**

*Calling all alumnae!!* We want to hear from you. Please send your personal and career updates so that we might highlight you in the next issue of Nursing Notes. We are interested in marriages, births, professional development, school activities, work related activities, etc. This information may be submitted via email to [nursing@uncp.edu](mailto:nursing@uncp.edu) or via phone at 521-6522.

## **EVENTS AND LINKS – TAKE NOTE!**

### **Dates to Remember**

May 1, 2008 – Spring Introduction to Professional Nursing Ceremony

May 3, 2008 – Spring Commencement

June 10-13, 2008 – New Pre-licensure BSN Student Orientation

May 22 – June 26, 2008 – Summer Session I

June 27 – August 1, 2008 – Summer Session II

August 20, 2008 – Fall 2008 Semester Begins

October 11, 2008 – University-Wide Open House

October 9-11, 2008 – Fall Break

November 8, 2008 – University wide Open House