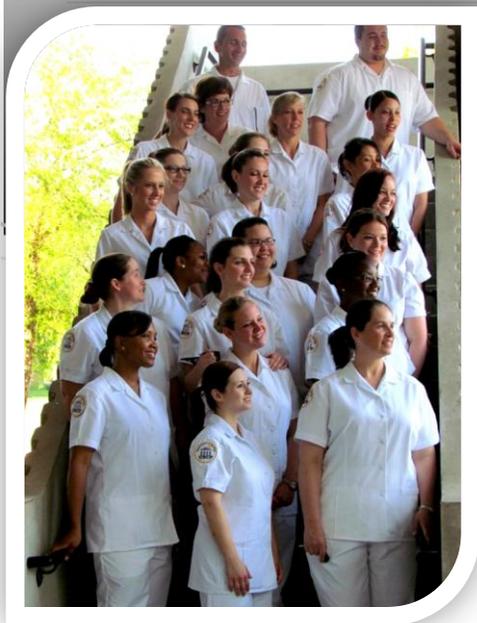




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Welcome to the Spring 2012 issue of "Nurses Notes", the E-Newsletter for the University of North Carolina at Pembroke's Department of Nursing. To learn more about the nursing program, please visit our website at www.uncp.edu/nursing.

Dates to Remember

June 25-27, 2012	New student orientation
June 28, 2012	2 nd summer session begins
August 15, 2012	Fall semester courses begin
September 19-21, 2012	<u>American Indian Women of Proud Nations Conference</u>
December 8, 2012	Undergraduate winter commencement

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Message from the Chair



I am pleased to share with you the spring 2012 UNC Pembroke Department of Nursing e-Newsletter! In this issue we celebrate the accomplishments of both faculty and students during the 2011-2012 academic year.

Congratulations to our faculty members who have been busy in the areas of scholarship (research, grants, and presentations) and service while providing our students with outstanding classroom and clinical educational opportunities. We are proud of our accomplishments and are enthusiastically planning our future. This year the faculty has been involved in both undergraduate and graduate level initiatives as we strive to be one of the most distinguished schools of nursing in the state.

One of the privileges of my role as Chair is to watch our students grow, assume responsibility, and begin to make a difference as they complete their journey to become professional nurses. Junior and senior pre-licensure students as well as RN-BSN students have been engaged with faculty in promoting the health of the campus community and the region. The senior students completed their 120-hour focused care experience. Faculty have described them as academically outstanding, exceeding expected levels of competency in their role as beginning professional nurses, and committed to improving the quality of health care wherever they may practice. Finally, our Pinning and Recognition Ceremony as well as graduation were just a few weeks ago. I hope families and friends were able to join the graduates to celebrate two significant occasions in their college career. Congratulations to all!

The future is bright for nursing at UNC Pembroke! Despite the current economic climate we continue to have greater numbers of both pre-licensure BSN and RN-BSN students seeking to earn a baccalaureate degree. Plans for a MSN in Nursing have been submitted and are under review at UNC General Administration. Faculty members are pursuing doctoral degrees in nursing or related fields as well as earning certifications in such areas as nursing education. Our graduates are actively being recruited to practice in varied healthcare settings in numerous geographic locations across North Carolina and the nation. The Department of Nursing is soaring toward excellence!

As you read the stories in this issue of the e-Newsletter, I encourage you to share your story with us. We are interested in hearing about your personal and professional accomplishments and want to recognize you for those achievements. As alumni, friends, students, and faculty, you are key our success as a Department of Nursing!

Looking Ahead

The department of nursing has been extremely busy. In addition to providing current students with outstanding educational experiences and participating in scholarship and service activities, we have also been working diligently in planning for the future. One of our purposes, to promote and advance the accessibility, availability, and quality of professional nursing education and practice for nurses of North Carolina and the nation, is demonstrated in all of the following initiatives taken by the department.

Undergraduate Initiatives

The RN-BSN program, coordinated by Dr. Cherry Beasley, has established several RN-BSN bridge agreements with local community colleges, including: Robeson Community College in Lumberton; Sandhills Community College in Pinehurst; Richmond Community College in Rockingham; and Southeastern Community College in Whiteville.

The department of nursing has also initiated a RN-BSN cohort at Scotland Health Care System in Laurinburg and has agreed to offer the same opportunity to employees of FirstHealth of the Carolinas in Pinehurst beginning in the fall of 2012.

In regards to the pre-licensure students, the department has designed the “Discover Nursing: Living, Learning, Leading Community” for new freshmen nursing majors which will open in August 2012.

Graduate Initiatives

A committee led by Dr. Barbara Synowicz is pushing forward with the quest to establish a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program at UNCP. The committee presented the proposal for the MSN program to the UNCP Graduate Council and received unanimous approval on April 16, 2012. An official *Request for Authorization to Establish Master of Science in Nursing* (Appendix C) was submitted to the UNC General Administration.

In addition to pursuing the MSN program, the department of nursing has participated in an initial meeting with the Dean and key graduate faculty from East Carolina University (ECU) in Greenville, NC, to establish a collaborative partnership related to the ECU Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program and the UNCP MSN program.

Lastly, the department of nursing has participated in an initial meeting with the ECU Dean, the PhD faculty, and the Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) from Southeastern Regional Medical Center to discuss the potential of offering a PhD nursing program to UNCP.

Continuing Education Initiatives

The department of nursing has been approved as a North Carolina Nurse’s Association (NCNA) Continuing Education provider in 2012.

Discover Nursing: Living, Learning, Leading Community (DNL³C)



Beginning in the Fall 2012 semester, incoming freshman who have declared nursing as their major will be residing in the *Discover Nursing: Living Learning Leading Community (DNL³C)*, creating a unique opportunity for nursing majors to live, network, and study together in an engaging and supportive academic and social environment. Participating in the DNL³C will provide nursing majors with the opportunity for guaranteed admission to the pre-licensure BSN program and a chance to be part of a community of peers, faculty and staff who share similar academic aspirations and career interests. The DNL³C is conveniently located across the street from the Department of Nursing within the Courtyard Apartment Complex.

Students will co-enroll in critical pre-nursing prerequisite courses, participate in special events and activities designed to introduce students to the nursing profession, and network with the Department of Nursing faculty, nursing student leaders, and peer nursing student colleagues. Overall, the DNL³C will provide students with the opportunity for academic support, career exploration and integrated social experiences.

Though only resident freshman pre-nursing majors will be required to live in the community, resident sophomore pre-nursing majors and students already admitted to the pre-licensure BSN program will be strongly encouraged to continue to live in the community after the freshman experience and participate in scheduled academic and special community activities. Commuter pre-nursing majors will also be encouraged to participate in scheduled academic and special community activities.

Mission and Goal of the DNL³C

The mission of the DNL³C is to create and extend student learning opportunities outside of the classroom that heighten student intellectual and personal growth. The DNL³C is an attempt to integrate curricular and co-curricular experiences that complement and extend classroom learning. The community fosters peer, faculty, and resident interaction that enhance both intellectual and personal growth of the residents. The goal of the DNL³C is to provide an engaging and supportive academic and social environment that provides opportunities for developing the 1) skills necessary to succeed in the challenging nursing curricula and 2) level of professionalism associated with a career in nursing.

Academic and Social Benefits

Students who participate in the DNL³C will benefit because they will:

- Live and learn with other nursing majors in a rewarding academic and campus experience
- Take selected critical pre-nursing prerequisite courses together during freshman and sophomore years
- Attend academic advising, tutoring for specific pre-nursing courses, review sessions, and small group discussions throughout the year to better prepare for the rigors of the pre-licensure BSN program
- Complete a Nursing Freshman Seminar course tailored for pre-nursing majors
- Get to know upperclassmen who have been successfully admitted into the pre-licensure BSN program at UNCP
- Meet Department of Nursing faculty prior to enrolling in the pre-licensure BSN program
- Interact with members of the Department of Nursing Association of Nursing Students
- Participate in special events and activities designed to introduce students to the nursing profession
- Gain potential guaranteed admission to the pre-licensure BSN program pending completion of admission and DNL³C requirements

Monthly activities will be scheduled throughout the academic year, beginning with a welcome reception in August. The Department of Nursing is extremely excited about the potential of this program to promote academic achievement, retention and professional growth of future nursing students. For more information, please visit our website.

Pinning and Commencement

The 2011-2012 academic year ended as the University of North Carolina at Pembroke celebrated the achievement of 670 graduates. Of the 526 undergraduates accepting their diplomas, 34 received their Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). Keynote speaker, Kevin Gover, executive director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indians, encouraged graduates to "prevail" in a future that has "reached the limits of the earth's resources." The full article from the University Newswire can be accessed at http://www.uncp.edu/news/2012/commencement_may.htm.

During the Pinning and Recognition ceremony, graduates from both the pre-licensure and RN-BSN programs were recognized and honored for their successful journey through the BSN program. Each student was recognized and pinned by Department Chair, Dr. Barbara Synowiez, and received their Florence Nightingale nursing lamps. Teresa Barnes, Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) of Southeastern Regional Medical Center, presented each graduate with a single, red rose as they walked across the stage. Several students were recognized for outstanding academic and/or professional performance and have been individually recognized in this newsletter.

Many family members and friends were unable to attend this year's pinning ceremony, including members of the United States military who were deployed. To accommodate these individuals, this year's ceremony was provided via live stream video, making it possible for many loved ones to be present from thousands of miles away.

The Department of Nursing is extremely proud of each of our graduates and encourages each of them to, as Chancellor Carter stated during commencement, "Make a difference. Use what you've learned to make a difference in others and in your communities." Congratulations, Class of 2012!



Mrs. Jennifer Johnson is the 2012 recipient of the Faculty Spirit of Nursing Award. This award is given to the faculty member who most exemplifies the professional nurse. Members of the graduating class vote on this award.

Nursing Excellence Award



Cassandra Burney:
RN-BSN Recipient

The Nursing Excellence Award is presented annually to the nursing student who has a GPA of 3.5 or higher with a minimum of 45 hours earned at UNCP. The recipient of this award exemplifies the BSN program philosophy and demonstrates excellence in professional practice. Nursing faculty select the recipient of this award.



Hannah Piver:
Pre-licensure Recipient

Congratulations Class of 2012



Joyce Kiermayr received the pre-licensure Nursing Practice Award. The recipient of this award has demonstrated excellence in the application of nursing theories and concepts and has demonstrated nursing vision and leadership in nursing practice. Nursing faculty choose the recipient of this award. The RN-BSN recipient, Sirese Hetrick, was not available for a photo.

Kiermayr also received the Association of Nursing Students Leadership Award, which is awarded to a student who has a GPA of 3.0 or higher and exemplifies leadership skills and potential among the membership. Members of the Association select the recipient of this award.

Miss Molly Stutts is the 2012 recipient of the Scotland Memorial Hospital Nursing Service Award. This award is presented annually to the student who best meets the criteria of scholastic ability, professionalism, interpersonal relationship skills, and a caring attitude. Molly was presented with a certificate of recognition and a monetary gift from Scotland Memorial Hospital nursing service. Nursing faculty choose the recipient of this award.



Take Note



Beasley Appointed To Taskforce

The Foundation for Nursing Excellence, in conjunction with representatives from several other nursing organizations, declared four priority areas for action to transform nursing and improve health care in North Carolina, based on a review of the 2011 Institute of Medicine (IOM) *Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health* report and NC initiatives directly related to the IOM recommendations. UNCP Associate Professor, Dr. Cherry Beasley, was appointed to the North Carolina Future of Nursing taskforce to address these priority areas, which include:

- Remove barriers to practice
- Increase the proportion of nurses with a baccalaureate degree to 80 percent by 2020
- Prepare, enable and expand opportunities for nurses to lead change in health care and diffuse collaborative improvement efforts
- Build an infrastructure for the collection and analysis of interprofessional health care workforce data



Faculty Pursue Terminal Degrees

Faculty members, Jennifer Twaddell (left) and Michelle McEwen (middle) and Joyce Beard (right) continue to pursue their terminal degrees. Twaddell defended her dissertation proposal at UNC at Greensboro. She is studying information needs of parents who have infants with life-threatening conditions. McEwen begins her studies in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program at Gardner-Webb University. Her research plans are focused on improving fetal outcomes during birth. Beard is actively enrolled in the PhD program at UNC at Greensboro.

Evans Granted Tenure and Promotion

Dr. Dena Evans has been granted tenure and promotion to Associate Professor. Candidates for tenure and promotion are evaluated using the criteria of scholarship and professional growth, University and community service, and, most importantly, excellence and effectiveness in teaching. As a minimum standard, candidates should be evaluated as satisfactory or above in all categories.



New Beginnings

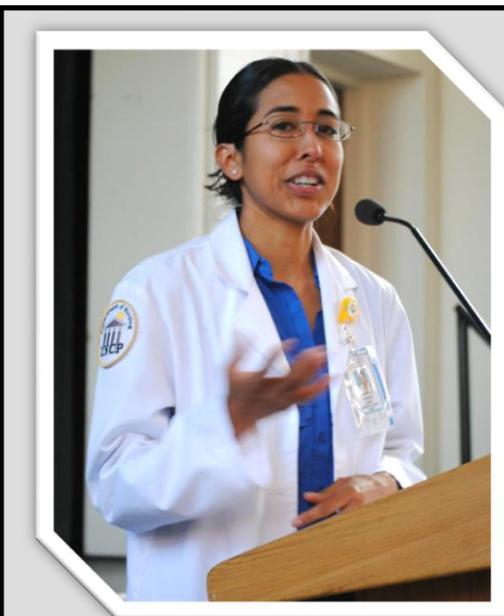


The moment has finally arrived for the department of nursing faculty, staff and students to move into the new 87,000 square foot Health Sciences Building. This building is equipped with state-of-the-art technology and includes a 15,000 square foot clinical learning center. Faculty and staff are moving in, and the final touches are being finalized to prepare for the incoming juniors, whose first nursing course begins at the end of June. More details and pictures to follow once the building is complete. An open house will be scheduled later this summer/early fall.

Left: Faculty pose in front of the new Health Sciences Building prior to the 2012 Nursing Pinning and Recognition ceremony.



A preview of the Health Sciences Building floor. **Left:** The turtle is a symbol for healing and is the first thing you will see when you enter the building. **Right:** The UNCP nursing pin on the floor as you exit the elevator on the second floor.



New Student Welcome

Newly admitted pre-licensure students were welcomed to their “new beginning” by department of nursing faculty, staff and currently enrolled students. The Class of 2014 received a warm welcome from Dr. Barbara Synowiez before learning about some important policies, procedures and expectations of the BSN program. Rising seniors, William Buffaloe, Anthony Neal and Jennie Zary (pictured left) provided new students with useful tips to aid them through their successful journey through the nursing program. Representatives from Castle Uniform were present, allowing students to purchase uniforms and supplies required for clinical experiences. Door prizes were donated and awarded to participants, including two gift baskets donated by the UNCP bookstore. Thanks to all of those who donated and good luck to members of the class of 2014 who begin their journey the end of June.

Scholarship

RESEARCH

- ❑ Dr. Cherry Beasley working with a team of UNCP and UNC-CH faculty - "*Center for Diabetes Translation Research to Reduce Disparities (CDTR) Pilot and Feasibility Program*"
- ❑ Dr. Dena Evans and Dr. Barbara Synowiez - "*Ability of the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) to Predict Student Success in Nursing School*"
- ❑ Dr. Barbara Synowiez, Dr. Cherry Beasley, and Dr. Dena Evans - "*Student Perceptions Related to Community Engagement in Nursing*"
- ❑ Jennifer Twaddell - "*Information Needs of Parents of Infants with Life-threatening Conditions*"

PUBLICATIONS

- ❑ Dr. Dena Evans and Tony Curtis - *Journal of Nursing Education*, "Animosity, antagonism and avatars: Teaching conflict management in Second Life"
- ❑ Dr. Dena Evans - *Journal of Professional Nursing*; Article entitled "Noncognitive variables associated with the intention of minority Baccalaureate nursing students to complete their program of study"
- ❑ Dr. Barbara Synowiez and Dr. Dena Evans - *Journal of Nursing Education*, article "A journey to NCLEX-RN

GRANTS

- ❑ *Campus Partnership for Health* - Dr. Barbara Synowiez, Dr. Cherry Beasley, and Dr. Dena Evans (\$7,500 awarded)
- ❑ *Rural Health & Wellness Collaborative* - Dr. Cherry Beasley (\$10,000 awarded)
- ❑ *Healthy Lumbree Communities* - Dr. Cherry Beasley and the Lumbree Tribe (Approved but not funded)
- ❑ *Kidsgardening.org* - Jennifer Johnson, Martha Hepler and Precious Minds Daycare Center (Not funded)
- ❑ *Clinical Site Development SRAHEC Grant* - Michelle McEwen, Dr. Dena Evans (\$5,000 requested)
- ❑ *Rural Educational Mobility Project SRAHEC Grant* - Dr. Cherry Beasley and Al West (Southeastern Community College) (\$40,000 requested)
- ❑ *North Carolina RIBN Project* - Polly Johnson (President and CEO - Foundation for Nursing Excellence), Southeastern NC Partners (Dr. Barbara Synowiez, Dr. Cherry Beasley, Eva Meekins, Cheryl McNeill), and other select schools of nursing in NC (\$300,000 requested - RWJF)

PRESENTATIONS

- ❑ Dr. Cherry Beasley - "The Value of Interdisciplinary Collaboration in the Faculty Role" - Presented at UNCP, February 7, 2012
- ❑ Dr. Cherry Beasley - "Nurses Transforming Nursing: A Local Perspective" - Presented at NCNA District 15 Meeting, Lumberton, NC, November 17, 2011
- ❑ Dr. Cherry Beasley - "IM: Historical Trauma to Historical Healing" Presented at American Women of Proud Nations Conference in Raleigh, NC, September 16, 2011
- ❑ Dr. Dena Evans - "Audience Response Systems (ARS)" - Presented at UNCP, April 4, 2012
- ❑ Jennifer Johnson - "Refugee Health" - Presentation at American Academy of Nurse Practitioners National Conference in Orlando, FL in June 2012
- ❑ Dr. Barbara Synowiez and Dr. Dena Evans - Poster Presentation: "Journey to NCLEX-RN Success" at the 39th Annual National Educator Conference at Villanova University in Villanova, PA in October, 2012 (In pre-screening)



UNCP Alumni Doing Great Things

Ann Marie Hunt spent four years in the U.S. Army and earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from UNCP in 2007. After earning her degree, she became employed by Southeastern Regional Medical Center (SRMC), working as a registered nurse in the emergency department, the cardiac catheterization lab and the cardiovascular operating room (CVOR). She continued her education at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington (UNCW) where, in 2011, she earned a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) with a concentration in Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP). Ann Marie is currently employed as an FNP in the clinic at the Wal-Mart in Lumberton, NC, an affiliate of SRMC. Ann Marie resides in Lumberton with her husband, Mitchell. She has plans to pursue her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in the near future.

Service

2012 UNCP Relay for Life



The Association of Nursing Students chose "Children of the Corn" as their "scary movie" theme and worked together to "stalk a cure for cancer". Pictured left to right: Brittany Greaves, Amanda McClelland, Justin Hunt, Emily Myers, Hannah Johnson and Michelle Stallings. Back: Will Buffaloe and his scarecrow.



Top left: Nursing faculty chose "Deliverance" as their "scary movie" theme. Faculty members Jennifer Johnson and Martha Hepler pictured "aiming for a cure".

Top right: A view of the "Best Campsite" as faculty and students work together to "stalk" and "aim" for a cure for cancer.

Bottom right: Nursing faculty, Dr. Thelma Floyd, was one of the two winners of the hand-made strip canoe raffled off by nursing faculty. Kevin McGeorge, of Richmond, VA, won the second canoe. All proceeds were given to Relay for Life.



Relay for Life is a life-changing event that helps communities across the globe to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost to cancer and fight back against the disease. This year's Relay for Life at UNCP included over 600 participants and 41 teams. The department of nursing had a strong presence at the event held in April on Friday the 13th. The theme for the event, was "Scary Movies", and faculty and students joined forces to create a scene that earned the Department of Nursing the event's "Best Campsite" award. The University raised over \$30,000 to aid in the fight against cancer, with nursing faculty and students contributing over \$4,500 for the cause. As is the case every year, the event began with the opening ceremonies, consisting of a survivors lap, a caretakers lap and a team lap. The luminaria ceremony is always emotional as those who have fought or who are fighting the devastating disease are honored with luminaries placed strategically around the track and a PowerPoint presentation displaying their names. The ceremony ended as each participant completed a "silent lap" in honor of those being celebrated. Fun was had by all as money was raised for a worthy cause, and the department looks forward to the next event in 2013.

Service

2012 UNCP Family Day

As part of a grant written by Dr. Barbara Synowicz, Dr. Cherry Beasley and Dr. Dena Evans entitled: "Campus Partnership for Health", nursing students from both the pre-licensure and RN-BSN completion program provided health promotion information and fun activities to participants of the 2012 UNCP Family Day. Activities included free health screenings such as blood pressure, blood sugar and body mass index (BMI) calculations. Several posters were on display in the University Center providing healthful information related to nutrition, self-breast and testicular exams, cardiovascular health, safe sex and more. Students also participated in outdoor activities with children, demonstrating that exercise and healthy living can be fun. Posters and activities were prepared by the NUR 4550 RN-BSN students under the direct supervision of Dr. Cherry Beasley. Junior pre-licensure students, under the supervision of Jennifer Twaddell, Jennifer Johnson, Martha Hepler and Donna Cutrell, assisted with the implementation of this project as part of their family nursing requirements. Participation in *Family Day* is one of several planned community engagement activities funded by this grant.



RN-BSN Students, left to right: Karen Moore, Jessica Cummings, Cassandra Burney, Kelly Hicks, Lauren Powers, Katie Cannon, Tammara Abernathy-Jones and Danita Wilkes



Above: Junior pre-licensure student, Brittany Greaves, has fun teaching our youth about healthy nutrition. Faculty member, Donna Cutrell, also pictured.



Above: Junior pre-licensure student, Gina Kirkland, providing a cardiovascular check on a young child during Family Day.

Right: Chancellor Carter receives a blood sugar check from junior pre-licensure student, Michelle Winfrey.



RN-BSN Nursing Students Present Community-Based Seminars

During the last two weeks in February, RN-BSN nursing students in Deborah Groves' Gerontology Nursing class presented community-based seminars related to issues of concern for older adults in our local communities. These presentations were provide for community service for both older adults and their care providers, and included the following topics:

“Osteoarthritis” – presented to residents at Scotia Village in Laurinburg. The topic, presented by Blair Johnson, Sandra Sutton, Donna Haux, Veronica Revels Locklear, Cindy Goins, Pam Hulon, and Leslie Sheppard, included discussion of medications, an exercise program, and lifestyle changes to improve symptoms of those individuals living with osteoarthritis. Students involved the residents in exercises to help osteoarthritis, and also challenged them with a crossword puzzle about “Pain Related to Osteoarthritis in the Elderly.”

“High Blood Pressure and You” – presented to residents on the Geriatric Unit at the Fayetteville VA Medical Center. The topic, presented by Ashley Gonzalez, Mindy Nicholson, and Sophia Peyton-Savage, provided information about hypertension, what it is, the effects of hypertension, and how older adults can use healthy lifestyle adjustments to manage hypertension naturally. The presentation focused on reducing the amount of sodium intake and identifying Seven Sneaky Sodium Stowaways: Snacks, Seasonings and nonnutritive sweeteners, Soups (especially canned and dried mixes), Sauces, Smoked meats and fish, Sauerkraut and other pickled foods, and Sodium-processed luncheon meats. And, the students distributed a recipe for Collard Greens that had reduced sodium ingredients, using smoked turkey breast and non-fat chicken broth to season instead of ham hocks and other high-sodium meats.



“Paws’ and Think – The Benefits of Companion Animals in Nursing Care Facilities” – presented to residents of Highland Acres in Lumberton. The topic, presented by Cassandra Burney, Brittney Galbreath, and Kelly Hickman, included discussion of ways in which companion animals benefit residents in nursing facilities. “Over the past 30 years, an abundance of studies in a wide range of journals and disciplines offer mounting evidence that interactions with companion animals contribute to good health, psychosocial well-being, and recovery from serious conditions” (Walsh, 2009, p. 462). The students reported that even Florence Nightingale had a beloved pet owl named Athena and recognized that caged birds have a therapeutic value, writing in 1860: “a pet bird in a cage is sometimes the only pleasure of an invalid confined for years to the same room” (Tremayne, 2008, p. 23).

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“The Importance of End of Life Decisions” - presented to those in attendance at the Olivia Maynor Revels Senior Center in Pembroke. The topic was presented by Crystal G. Locklear, Mary Mabe, Lauren Powers, and Kerstin Hudgins. The students presented information about the difference between Advance Directives, a Living Will, Health Care Power of Attorney, and a DNR. The group gave practical discussion for those in attendance and reviewed how to utilize this information effectively in their personal lives and making the documents available and practical to use. The students noted that the role of the nurse in this process includes communication and education of the patient, family, and other health care providers.

“Falls Prevention” - presented as a YouTube video in two parts (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3DqKRnZTks&feature=youtu.be>

and <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3vEwAvtfYT4&feature=colike>) and made available as a training video for First Health at Pinehurst, to the NC Home Care and Hospice Association in Raleigh, and also provided as in-service for Womack Army Hospital in Fayetteville. The video, created by and starring Felicia Britt, Annette Davis, Brigitte Jacobs, Eric Lanier, and Donna Lowry includes a very creative and interesting approach to the presentation of the material covered within the course related to prevention of falls, as well as information obtained from research efforts of the students, in particular the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.

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