



EYE ON NU XI

AT-LARGE CHAPTER • [ΣΘΤ]

• Holy Names University • Samuel Merritt University • California State University East Bay

Notes from the President of Nu Xi At Large



Nu Xi past President Dr. Fay Bower (center) received the 4th Chapter Key Award at the 2009 Biennial Convention

Greetings and Happy New Year! Can you believe we are starting a new decade already? Just seems like yesterday that we were worried about the Y2K and the potential computer issues that might occur!

Our chapter sent three members to the 40th Biennial Convention in October where we received our fourth Chapter Key Award. One our members, Nancy Gibbs was elected the new Region 1 Coordinator. In addition, Dr. Fay Bower, our past President, received the prestigious Elizabeth Russell Belford Award for Excellence in Education. Photo of Fay Bower receiving Chapter Key Award.

In this issue of the newsletter you will find a ballot of the candidates for open positions on the Nu Xi Board. Please

take a few minutes to fill it out and send it to Wacchera Davis by the deadline. If you are interested in becoming more involved in the chapter please let me know and we will be sure to utilize your abilities in some way!

Pending feedback from members in an upcoming survey, the Board will be considering going “green” with our newsletter in the near future as the printing and mailing costs have become substantial (approximately \$4,500/year). Stay tuned. In the meantime, it is essential that you provide us with your email address so that we can send information about upcoming events to you in a timely and affordable way.

The chapter will be sending a member to the STTI Leadership Conference later

this month. There are also opportunities for members at large to be funded to attend this and other STTI conferences. Please contact me for details. Also, please mark your calendar for our spring event on March 9. Our meetings are a great way to network, hear a great speaker and obtain a free CEU!

As always, please feel free to contact me at withmax@comcast.net. Happy New Year!

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NU XI CHAPTER AT LARGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010–2011

Event	Date	Time	Location
Spring General Membership & Annual Business Meeting	March 9, 2010	5:00 PM Membership Meeting 6:30 Board Meeting	Calif. State Univ. East Bay Biella Room, Library
2010 Induction & Installation of Officers	April 24, 2010 Saturday	Orientation 10:00 AM Induction, Installation, & Luncheon 11:00 AM	Samuel Merritt University Bechtel Room & Atrium HEC
STTI 21st Annual Research Congress	July 12-16, 2010	Check STTI website <i>www.nursingsociety.org</i>	Orlando, Florida See STTI website
Nu Xi Board of Directors Retreat	August 21, 2010	11:00-4:00 PM	Holy Names University Room TBA
2010 STTI Leadership Academy	September, 2010	Check STTI website <i>www.nursingsociety.org</i>	Indianapolis, IN
Fall General Membership Meeting & Board Meeting	October 12, 2010 Tuesday	5:00 PM Membership 6:30 Board	Holy Names University Room TBA
2011 Hall of Fame Event	January 18, 2011 Tuesday	6:00 PM	Holy Names University Room TBAS
Spring General Membership & Annual Business Meeting	March 8, 2011 Tuesday	5:00 PM Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Board Meeting	CSUEB Room TBA
Nu Xi Induction & Installation of Officers	April 16, 2011 Saturday	Orientation 10:00 AM Induction, Installation, & Luncheon 11 AM	Samuel Merritt University
STTI 22nd International Nursing Research Congress	July 10—15, 2011	Check STTI website <i>www.nursingsociety.org</i>	Moon Palace Cancun, Mexico

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Interdisciplinary Research in Nursing: A New Frontier

Michelle Tellez, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor, CSUEB (right) recipient of the New Investigator Award 2009 at the Academy Health Conference in Chicago in June, 2009 with Joanne Spetz, PhD, an economist and researcher at the Center for the Health Professions at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF).

The exciting world of interdisciplinary research is evident in the work of Michelle Tellez, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor, CSUEB. For the past few years, Michelle has been working in collaboration with Joanne Spetz, PhD, an economist and researcher at the Center for the Health Professions at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF). The two researchers developed a partnership while Michelle was a graduate student in the PhD program there.

Michelle entered nursing as a second career. With a bachelor's degree in International Relations and a minor in Economics from Mills College, Michelle worked as a health educator before transitioning into nursing through the entry-level master's degree program at UCSF. Initially drawn to direct patient care where she worked as a nurse on a transplant service, over a period of time Michelle found herself more interested in population-based nursing issues. This led her to the PhD program in nursing administration and community health at UCSF. With prior experience in research on behavior modification to improve health outcomes, she had planned to make this the focus of her dissertation. When support for that project faded, she began to explore other options and identified an outstanding mentor and researcher in Joanne Spetz, PhD. Michelle's undergraduate work in economics made her an ideal candidate to work with Dr. Spetz, whose expertise is also in economics.

Joanne Spetz, received a PhD in economics from Stanford University and a BS/ MS from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Spetz has been an Associate Adjunct Professor at the University of California San Francisco Center for Health Professions and is actively engaged in research on the nursing workforce, including studies for the California Board



of Registered Nursing.

Michelle reports that she has found tremendous satisfaction in doing interdisciplinary research. The benefits include the use of multiple lenses to look at complex issues. In contrast to the myopic focus of single discipline research, interdisciplinary research has expanded horizons. It includes more variables and is able to explain more phenomena. This is particularly important in trying to examine human behavior. For example, one area of study which Michelle and Joanne have explored is the how salary affects work patterns of nurses. Their preliminary work indicates that once nurses earn \$65,000 annually, they begin to reduce their work hours. Since salaries have escalated significantly in the past several years, more and more nurses have responded by choosing to work less than full time. Current research involves validating wages and hours and related issues in the national sample of RN data.

In June 2009, Michelle presented findings in both podium and poster presentations from her research at Academy Health in Chicago. The topic of her presentations was, "The California minimum staffing law, nurse satisfaction, hours worked, and wages.



Newly elected President of STTI, Karen H. Morin, DNS, RN.

Nu Xi Receives 4th Chapter Key Award

From October 31 through November 4, 2009, nurses from around the globe arrived in Indianapolis for the 40th Biennial Convention. The highlights of the meeting included a moving keynote address by Greg Mortenson, RN, former staff nurse at Alta Bates Medical Center and co-author of the book, *Three Cups of Tea*. Greg, co-founder and Executive Director of the nonprofit Central Asia Institute (www.ikat.org) since 1996, is internationally known for his work in founding schools for girls in rural areas of Afghanistan, Pakistan, and the East. He is also the author of a current best-selling book, *Stones into Schools: Promoting Peace with Books, Not Bombs, in Afghanistan and Pakistan*.

Past President of both Sigma Theta Tau International and Nu Xi At Large's own Dr. Fay Bower was present to sign her recent book "Why Retire? Career Strategies for Third Age Nurses". Dr. Bower was also a presenter at the meeting. She spoke about an area in which she has great passion: mentoring. Dr. Bower has been serving as the lead for a STTI task force on mentoring. At the local level she has willingly taken a special board position to increase opportunities for mentoring activities.

As a chapter we were represented by delegates Dr. Carolyn Harris-Muchell and Dr. Juli Maxworthy. We had several members of our chapter run for STTI offices. Nancy Gibbs was elected to the Region 1 Coordinator position and Dr. Juli Maxworthy was selected to serve on the STTI Foundation Board of Directors. Several members of our chapter were present for the awarding of the chapters fourth Chapter Key Award. Many thanks again to Bonnie Holmes for heading the committee. There were a few bylaw changes and those can be found at the STTI website: www.nursingsociety.org.

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Bower Receives the Elizabeth Russell Belford Award

Nu Xi members were thrilled to receive word that Fay Bower, DNSc, RN, FAAN, Chair at Holy Names University, and former Chapter President, was selected to receive the Elizabeth Russell Belford Award for Excellence, one of the Founders Awards at the STTI Biennial Meeting in November. This is one of the highest honors bestowed by STTI. Founders Awards symbolize the qualities of personal leadership that motivated our founders and pay tribute to their vision.



Professor Bower has a long and varied career in nursing. She has been a neonatal critical care nurse, a public health nurse, and a school nurse, all before she devoted over 40 years to nursing education. As an academic, she has held positions as a professor, chair, dean, academic vice president (University of San Francisco) and president of Clarkson College in Omaha, Nebraska. After three retirements, she is again active as chair of the department of nursing at Holy Names University. Fay has written extensively, conducted much research, and served as a leader in many state, national, and international nursing organizations, including Sigma Theta Tau International. Fay has served as Treasurer, President-elect and President of Nu Xi At Large Chapter. Currently she is chair of the Mentoring Committee.

Fall Membership Meeting Focuses on Patient Safety



Left: Fay Bower, Past President, with Barbara De Baun, Patient Safety Advocate

Despite torrential rains and a bridge closure, many came to hear Barbara De-Baun, RN, MSN, CIC, the keynote speaker for the Fall General Membership meeting which was held at Holy Names University on October 13, 2009. In her lively interactive presentation, Barbara shared information about the Beacon Collaborative, a patient safety collaborative which is a peer-to-peer learning network of hospitals focusing on improving the quality of hospital care to end inadvertent harm to patients by accelerating the adoption of evidence-based and innovative practices. Barbara discussed evidence based performance improvement activities which have proven to save lives. Those who were able to brave the storm were entertained and educated on a very important topic.

2010 is the International Year of the Nurse

As the centennial year of the death of the founder of modern nursing—Florence Nightingale (1820-1910), the year 2010 has been named as the International Year of the Nurse. To celebrate this historic milestone, a major public relations project, 2010 IYNurse, has been developed by Sigma Theta Tau International, the Nightingale Initiative for Global Health, and the Florence Nightingale Museum, to sustain public awareness about nursing and to actively involve the world's nurses in a celebration of commitment to bring health to their communities, locally and worldwide. Visit the IYNurse Web site for more information on upcoming IYNurse events, including a Commemorative Global Service at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC.

Network with STTI in 2010 through the Leadership Summit

A new event sponsored by STTI, the Leadership Summit, will travel the globe in 2010. With locations including Honolulu, Hawaii; Atlanta, Georgia; Arlington, Texas; Indianapolis, Indiana and Europe. The professional leadership development and well-known speakers offer a great value to attendees, especially students. While continuing nursing education credits are given, please consider giving academic credit to your students for attending one of these events.

Annual Nu Xi Fund Drive in Progress

Members were mailed a solicitation letter in October 2009, requesting their support for the 2009-2010 Annual Fund Drive. If you have not yet sent a check to Treasurer Bonnie Homes, please do so by March 1, 2010. Funds will be used to support student scholarships and research funds for members. The need for scholarship funds has never been greater due to reductions in state funding for financial aid. Your support is needed for this important agenda. Mail to: Bonnie Holmes, 4432 Actriz Place, Martinez, CA 94453.

Nu Xi Research Committee Calls for Proposals for Funding

Members of Nu Xi Chapter-at-Large are invited to submit proposals for research projects for review by the Research Committee. The chapter annually supports research projects to encourage the advancement of nursing knowledge through well-designed research. Clinicians, students, clinical and academic faculty are encouraged to apply. Consultation on proposal development can be available through the Research Committee.

Proposals to be funded will be selected in a blind review of all proposals submitted. Criteria used to evaluate the proposals include quality of research proposed, significance to nursing theory and/or practice, consideration of ethical issues, and feasibility of the research project. A total of \$3,000 has been allocated for awards this year. The level of funding for each project is contingent on the number of proposals funded. Members may request up to \$3,000 for each project. Applications are due March 8, 2010— To request proposal guidelines and an application, please contact Dr. Mileva Saulo Lewis, Chair of the Research Committee at: msaulo@samuelmerritt.edu.

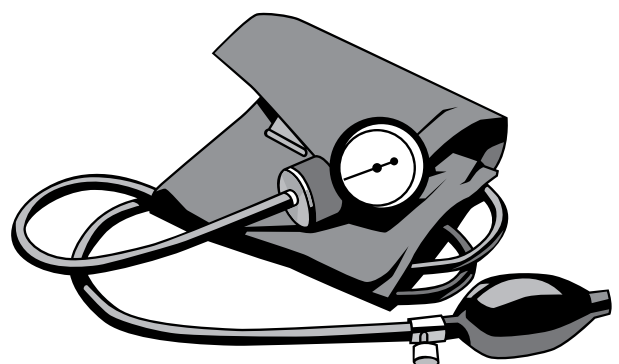
IN MEMORIAM

Patricia Webb, EdD, RN, Associate Professor Samuel Merritt University School of Nursing, died on January 23, 2009, following a month-long hospitalization. She was surrounded by her loving family, supported by several Samuel Merritt School of Nursing faculty colleagues and skilled caregivers at San Ramon Regional Medical Center. Pat has been a stalwart member of the SMU nursing faculty since July 1980 and a member of STTI since 1978. She was diagnosed with cancer in 1996, but returned to work following treatment and remained an active professional until her untimely death. She was an active supporter of Nu Xi, having served as Chair of the Research Committee and as the Faculty Counselor for SMU. Pat received the Nu Xi-at-Large Chapter Award for Commitment to Excellence in Nursing Education in 2005. for her outstanding contributions in teaching critical care nursing to a generation of young nurses. She was a friend, mentor, and role-model to many and she will be greatly missed. A memorial was held on January 28, 2009 at the First Baptist Church in Benicia.

edu. Dr. Lewis is also recruiting new members for the Research Committee. If interested, please contact her.

Induction of New Members 2010

The Nu Xi Induction is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2010 at the Health Education Center (Bechtel Room and Atrium) at Samuel Merritt University. Orientation for new members will begin at 10:00, with the ceremony to follow at 11:00 AM. An informal reception with light finger foods will follow. Faculty and university administrators are welcome to attend if they RSVP and secure a reserved ticket. Keynote speaker for the event is John Lantz, PhD, RN, professor emeritus and former Chair, Nursing, San Diego State University, and former Dean, University of San Francisco. Paulina Van, Assistant Professor, Samuel Merritt University (pvan@samuelmerritt.edu) and Marcia Canton, Holy Names University, (drcanton@pacbell.net) are chairing the planning committee for the event.



Region One Coordinator Reaches Out to Nu Xi Members

My name is Nancy Gibbs, and I am very grateful to have the opportunity to serve you as Region 1 Coordinator. In 2006, after receiving my MS degree in nursing from HNU, I was inducted into STTI Nu Xi At Large Chapter. As an active member, I have been involved in a wide variety of chapter activities. My clinical background is in Emergency Department Trauma nursing. I have worked internationally as a nurse in Nepal. I also provided nursing care in a Tibetan Refugee camp located in Bir, India where I worked side by side with a Tibetan Nurse. Presently I am a Nurse Educator for John Muir Health, Walnut Creek, California. My roles as a Nurse Educator is that of developing staff training programs, assisting with the new graduate residency program, and providing education with emphasis on the role of the nurse along with nursing skills. My desire is to bring members of Region 1 together and to create growth, mentorship programs, a stronger union of chapters, and enhance communication between chapters, both national and international. How can this be done? Initially by re-uniting Region 1 chapters, holding an annual chapter presidents' and chapter leaders' conference, through, Skype, face book conversations or utilizing our university classrooms in conducting an electronic classroom discussion. I would like to involve Region 1 members in open discussion through email trains and electronic technology. Creating chapter mentoring is a goal where larger or stronger chapters mentor newer and challenged chapters. Mentoring is also to include research, leadership, and scholarship in nursing. I will need your help. Please email me with concerns, issues, or offering to volunteer. My address: nangib@sbcglobal.net. I look forward to serving Region 1. Thank you.

Nancy Gibbs RN, MSN

Committee Members Needed for Nu Xi Activities

Nu Xi Committee Chairs are recruiting for members to aid in the work of key chapter committees. Both experienced and novice STTI members are needed to assist with key activities. Mentoring Committee: Purpose is to guide new members in learning about resources and opportunities available in Nu Xi and STTI. Leadership development opportunities abound. Contact Fay Bower, Mentoring Committee Chair at bower@hnu.edu. Newsletter & Communications Committee: Purpose is to keep members informed about Nu Xi activities and accomplishments. A member is needed to manage the website, which is sponsored by SMU. Contact Abby Heydman, Chair at heydmanabfr@msn.com. Research Committee Members: Does your college or university require outside professional service? This is an excellent way to fulfill that professional obligation. The Research Committee reviews requests for funding and in the near future will be planning a Research Day, date and time to be announced. Majority of meetings are expected to take place via telephone conference or through e-mail. If interested, please contact Dr. Mileva Saulo Lewis at msaulo@samuelmerritt.edu.

Research Congress Registration Open

Global Diversity through Research, Education, and Evidence-Based Practice is the theme of the 21st International Nursing Research Congress sponsored by STTI. The Congress will be held in Orlando, Florida from July 12-16, 2010. Registration is currently being accepted. Members interested in attending should log on to the STTI website for more information. www.nursingsociety.org.

Nu Xi Student Members Utilize Free Web Resources

The Student Central portion of the STTI Web site, www.nursingsociety.org/Student, allows nursing students to achieve academic excellence and continue preparing for their nursing career. The Web site offers career advice, free online courses, networking opportunities, affordable nursing products and much more.

Members Encouraged to Register Research Studies

Nurses who have recently received a doctoral degree and graduates of Doctor of Nursing Practice programs are encouraged to register their studies in the Registry of Nursing Research online database. The Registry of Nursing Research, located in the virtual library, is a searchable and free resource containing more than 35,000 studies. The goal of the library is to provide nurses worldwide with one of the most comprehensive resources for nursing information. Institutions interested in collaborating with the library to post their research work or study projects as a collection or individuals with questions should contact Margie Wilson, STTI Library Services Coordinator, at 317-634-8171, or at librarymanager@nursinglibrary.org.

STTI Offers Support Services for New Faculty Members

Join the community of emerging nurse faculty leaders in the Nurse Faculty Mentored Leadership Development Program. NFMLD is an exciting, challenging and career-changing experiential learning program for new nurse faculty members who are committed to developing their leadership skills as they transition to the faculty role. In partnership with The Elsevier Foundation, STTI has designed this opportunity to promote faculty retention and cultivate high performing, supportive work environments in academe. Applications for the next NFMLD cohort are due January 29, 2009. Visit the NFMLD Web site for more information.

The Global Alliance for Nursing Education & Science (GANES)

GANES invites you to submit an abstract for the Second Annual International Conference for Nurse Educators. The abstract committee will assess all submissions against the following criteria; relation to conference themes, creativity and innovation, and applicability and utility.

Abstracts are invited for presentation under one of the following themes:

- Developing academic leadership capacity
- Increasing strength through international collaboration (stories from the field)

- Fostering innovation and excellence
- Politics of nursing education and research
- Leadership roles in academic environments for the 21st century

Abstracts will be accepted for papers, posters, and symposia. Papers must be 15 minutes in length with 5 minutes of questions. Symposia will feature groups of three or more related papers, generally 80 minutes total including questions. Abstracts must be submitted by midnight EST on April 15, 2010. Email abstract submissions to Abigail Linsner at alinsner@aacn.nche.edu.

For more information about this Call for Abstracts, see <http://www.ganes.info/Conferences.php>.

Leadership Summit

The next STTI leadership development program, the Leadership Summit, will be held in Atlanta, Georgia on April 23-24, 2010. Paulina Van, Nu Xi At Large Vice President, attended the most recent Summit in Honolulu, Hawaii in January, 2010 and recommends it highly. There are great opportunities for networking, learning more about leadership development, and getting great advice on strategies for Chapter success.

What will I find in Atlanta?

“I am a nurse interested in professional leadership development.”

There are several sessions geared toward supporting your career and interest in professional development:

- Leading Your Team in Tough Times
- Delivering Quality Care with Limited Resources

“I am interested in achieving chapter success.”

Educational sessions provide you with tools and resources that can be utilized to elevate your chapter to its highest level of success. Join us to learn more about:

- Increasing visibility
- Membership retention
- Budgeting for Strategic Success
- Top 10 Little Known Facts About Chapter Operations
- Establishing effective collaborations
- Tools You can Use: STTI's Online Treasure Chest



SCHOOL NEWS

HOLY NAMES UNIVERSITY



On December 15, 2009, thirteen 2+2 students were awarded completion certificates for having finished successfully the first two years of the 2+2 program. They are scheduled to move to Samuel Merritt University for the final two years of nursing coursework.

Initiation of a LVN/BSN program is in progress with the submission of the Self Study scheduled for this month. The Feasibility Study was accepted by the California Board of Registered Nursing in September. The next step is a visit by a BRN consultant who will then make a recommendation to the Board. Enrollment of the first students is planned for September of 2010.

The university has a brand new student center and additional classrooms as the result of a huge fund raising campaign. A new café, located in the same area, has also been opened to serve students.

SAMUEL MERRITT UNIVERSITY

DNP Program To Enroll First Class

Samuel Merritt University will begin accepting applications for admission into the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program (DNP) in March, 2010. The program is designed to provide a post-professional doctoral curriculum for advanced practice nurses with a MSN as recommended by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and specialty organizations for nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, clinical nurse specialists, and nurse anesthetists. The program will enroll its first class with classes scheduled to begin in Spring Semester, 2011. The DNP program has two tracks, an organizational track for nurses interested in administrative and health policy positions, and a clinical track for advanced clinical practice. Start-up is contingent upon final approval from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The curriculum will be offered with online instruction as a primary modality to accommodate working nurses. Two four-day weekend residencies will be scheduled during the program. For more information contact: Dr. Arlene Sargent at asargent@samuelmerritt.edu or 510-869-1526.

Reorganization & New Construction

Effective January 2010, the Clinical Skills Lab will be managed by Celeste Villanueva, MS, CRNA, HSSC Director, and Jeanette Wong HSSC Operations Manager. In addition to bringing the Clinical Skills Lab under the management of the Health Sciences Simulation staff, construction of a new skills lab is currently underway on the ground level of the Peralta Pavilion in space which currently houses the ABSMC Radiology Department. The renovation of this area will result in approximately 5,000 square feet of new space, specifically designed for clinical teaching. The new facility will far exceed the current space occupied by the CSL and is being designed to meet the needs of Nursing as well as the other SMU academic programs. It is anticipated that construction will be completed in Summer 2010 and will result in two large training rooms. One room will include 8 hospital beds (similar to the larger training room in the HSSC); a second training room will include 8 gurneys and be set up as physical diagnosis room with great flexibility (similar to Training Room 1 with the exception of gurneys that can easily be moved). In addition to the large training rooms the facility will include 9 standardized patient rooms. A standardized patient (SP) is a form of simulation based learning that several SMU programs are already integrating into their curricula. A SP is an individual who has been carefully trained to portray a "real" patient, e.g. portrays symptoms and a history of a particular diagnosis. A SP scenario provides the student an opportunity to interact with a simulated patient in a safe and controlled environment. Finally, construction will also include provision for the flexibility of 4 SP suites becoming 2 large simulation suites. The additional space will allow for more high fidelity manikin based simulation.

Medical Brigade to Provide Primary Care in Panama!

Planning meetings are currently being held for students and faculty who will return to Panama for a second Medical Brigade trip from April 24 to May 1, 2010. The group will provide primary healthcare to community members in the region of Veraguas. Pre-RNs, RNs, Graduate FNP, PA Students, Graduated PAs, faculty and staff are invited to join this group. Spanish speakers are particularly welcome. For information, contact Suzanne August-Schwartz at Sschwartz@samuelmerritt.edu.

ELMSN Students Contribute

Students in the Oakland cohort of the Entry Level Master of Science Program in Oakland decided to donate the money collected for a graduation party to the George Mark's Children's House, a hospice facility in San Leandro. Students visited the facility during their pediatric clinical rotation and were impressed with the dedicated staff and volunteers who provide palliative and end-of-life care to children with life-limiting conditions. They also offer support and bereavement services to their families. The students were impressed with the positive spirit in the facility and felt it deserves the financial support of a grateful community.

NCLEX Performance

SMU graduates of the BSN program continue to do well on the NCLEX-RN licensure examinations with 44 first-time test takers (primarily October graduates) in the last quarter reporting a pass rate of 97.73%. Overall for the year 2009, SMU had 384 graduates take the NCLEX licensure exam with an overall pass rate for first time test takers of 89%. The most recent cohort of CRNA graduates had a 100% pass rate on the licensure exam for nurse anesthesia.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY EAST BAY

California State University East Bay is striving to achieve excellence in education. Although we have been experiencing a limited budget, at Department of Nursing and Health Science, we hired the following part time faculty for teaching skills lab and various clinical courses: Carolyn Conlin, RN, MS, Monique Fuentes, RN, MS, Carol Denise Prizznick, RN, MS, Joel Romero, RN, MS, Kathy Lawrence, RN, MS, Paul Slobodny, RN, MS, and Karen Norton, RN, MS. We welcome all!

In winter quarter 2010, CSUEB implemented a New RN Residency Program to train unemployed recent graduate nurses with RN licenses for improving their clinical competencies. The ultimate goal of the residency program is to increase employability of the new graduate nurses. The residency classes include two hours of a classroom seminar each week to discuss current nursing theories and practice as well as 24 hours of weekly clinical practice in ED, ICU, Medical Surgical, Rehab/Skilled Nursing, or Tele-Health Nursing in the Bay Area clinical agencies. Our clinical partners include St Rose Hospital, ValleyCare Health System, Stanford Hospital and Clinics, Eden Medical Center, Axis Community Health, Washington Hospital Health System, John Muir Health, VA Palo Alto, Children's Hospital, Alta Bates -Summit Medical Center, Highland Hospital, and Valley Care Medical Center. We expect our clinical partners to provide clinical preceptors who are committed to work with new graduates while they increase clinical/nursing competencies.

The second session of a New RN Residency Program will begin on March 29, 2010, and applications are currently being accepted through our website: www.sci.csueastbay.edu/nursing. When the two-year pilot project is completed, we expect to train approximately 200 new graduate nurses. We hope the new graduate nurses will be better prepared to work as beginning nurses. By participating in this project, the clinical partners have options to hire new graduate nurses at completion of the program however, it is not required. If you are interested in teaching new graduate nurses in the residency program or have additional questions, please contact Elena Olgardt or Kimberly Kim, RN, PhD at 510-885-3481



We Need Your Help! Nu Xi is Going Green!

Pending the results of a membership survey, Nu Xi may convert to use of electronic media for distribution of its newsletter. Please make sure we have your email address on file so you continue to receive our Newsletters. Report changes in email and mailing addresses to Sigma Theta Tau. Go to the STTI website to make changes online:
www.nursingsociety.org.



FAY BOWER, DNSc, RN, FAAN, Chair, Department of Nursing, HNU accepted the 4th Chapter Key Award for Nu Xi Chapter At Large during the recent STTI Biennial meeting. Fay was President of the chapter during the period for which the award was received. In addition, Fay was honored with the prestigious Elizabeth Russell Belford Award for Excellence in Education.

PATRICIA BRENNAN, PHD, RN, Assistant Professor, SMU School of Nursing, was selected by the National Institutes of Health as a Faculty Champion in Genetics and Genomics for 2009-2010. This competitive award requires a one-year commitment by Dr. Brennan to participate on a national team of faculty whose purpose is to provide recommendations for curricula design as well as integration of genetic and genomic content into baccalaureate education. Dr. Brennan has more than 20 years of experience in clinical transplantation and immunosuppression, and is engaged in research in health policy development. The NIH, in collaboration with the National Human Genome Research Institute hosted the first meeting of this group on the campus of the National Institutes of Health in September, 2009. Dr. Brennan was the only faculty to represent a university on the West Coast.

LORRETTA CAMARANO, PHD, RN, Assistant Professor, SMU School of Nursing, gave a podium presentation, "Risk of low birth weight and preterm delivery in singleton pregnancies conceived by women with and without a history of infertility" at the American Society for Reproductive Medicine. Atlanta, GA, October, 21, 2009.

MARCIA E. CANTON, PHD, RN, Faculty Advisor 2+2 Program, was the keynote speaker at Dominican University on Saturday, October 24, 2009 for the Rho Alpha Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau. The conference was titled, "Healthcare Dis-

parity: Closing the Gap, A Call to Action." The major goal of this conference was to heighten participants' awareness about disparities in healthcare and institute a course of action to help close or minimize the disparity gap. Dr. Canton provided a summary of the major health issues facing the various ethnic groups in America.

SUSAN CANTRELL, MS, RN, Assistant Professor, SMU, contributed a chapter on High Risk Pregnancy, for the new text book, *Maternal Newborn Nursing: the critical components of nursing care*, published in January 2010 by F.A. Davis.

LINDA CHAPMAN, DNSc, Professor Emeritus, SMU, and Roberta Durham, PhD, RN, Professor, CSUEB and Professor Alumnus at SMU, have recently celebrated the publication of a new book: Chapman, L. & Durham, R. (2010) *Maternal Newborn Nursing: the critical components of nursing care*. Philadelphia, FA Davis.

VALERIA CORPUZ, EDD candidate, RN, adjunct faculty at HNU and ICU nurse, recently received CCRN certification.

ROBERTA DURHAM, PHD, RN, Professor, CSUEB and Professor Alumnus at SMU, was appointed to an Advisory Board for the Association of Women's Health, Obstetrics' and Neonatal Nursing on consumer initiatives.

CAROLYN FONG, PHD, RN, APRN, BC, Chair & Professor, CSUEB was awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Kaiser Permanente Northern California Fund for Health Education at the East Bay Community Foundation. This funding is for a collaborative ADN to BSN nursing education model between ADN feeder programs (Contra Costa, Los Medanos, Chabot and Ohlone Colleges) and CSUEB. This ADN-BSN New Grad Program can be a model for en-

rolling every graduate of an ADN program in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties into a BSN program. Carolyn was also an invited panelist at the California Association of Colleges of Nursing (CACN) and California Organization of Associate Degree Nursing (COOAN) Fall meeting in Monterey. Her topic was: Best Practices in Nursing Education. Dr. Fong will be a panelist at the University of Phoenix Conference featuring Dr. Beverly Malone in April 2010. She will be speaking on: Issues in Nursing Education. Carolyn is continuing her appointment as the Chair of the Department of Nursing and Health Sciences while a search continues for the position.

NANCY GIBBS, MSN, RN, Nurse Educator at John Muir Medical Center, and adjunct faculty member at HNU, was recently elected to the position of Region 1 Coordinator for STTI.

TERI GWIN, MS, RN, FNP, Assistant Professor and Director of the ELMSN program and Mileva Saulo-Lewis, EdD, RN, Associate Professor and Managing Director, San Mateo Learning Center, SMU, presented at the Magic in Teaching conference co-sponsored by the BRN and The California Institute for Nursing and Health Care in November, 2009. They were joined by Maria W. O'Rourke in presenting the implementation of the O'Rourke Professional Role Model™ into the curriculum of the ABSN Program at the San Mateo Campus.

SARAH HAMPSON, MS, RN, Assistant Professor, SMU, contributed a chapter, Psychosocial Aspects of Pregnancy, to the new text, *Maternal Newborn Nursing: the critical components of nursing care*, published by F.A. Davis in January 2010.

MICHELLE HAMPTON, PHD, RN, Assistant Professor, SMU School of Nursing; Hampton, M. D., White, M. C., & Chafetz, L. (2009). "Eligibility, recruit-



Paulina Van, PhD, RN, (left) and Bobbie Richards, MA, RN, presenting a poster at the Magic of Simulation Conference in October 2010

ment, and retention of African Americans with severe mental illness in community research.” *Community Mental Health Journal*, 45, 137-143.

ABBY M. HEYDMAN, PHD, RN, SMU Professor Emeritus, was selected to receive the Distinguished Service Award from Mount Mercy College, Cedar Rapids Iowa on October 3, 2009. This award, the highest alumni achievement award bestowed by the College, was given in recognition of her service to regional and professional accreditation, and to nursing education and higher education throughout her career.

EDITH JENKINS-WEINRUB, EDD, RN, Assistant Professor, HNU, has recently signed a contract with Jones & Bartlett to write a book entitled *Nurses and Healthcare Reform*. She plans to have the manuscript completed by June 2011.

SARAH KEATING, EDD, PNP, RN, FAA, Professor & Dean Emeritus, Samuel Merritt University, was selected for the position of the Arthur Emerton Orvis Endowed Professor position at the University of Nevada Reno in Fall 2009. Sarah has been instrumental in establishing master's degree programs in nursing and a new DNP program (in collaboration with UNLV) at UNR.

FUSAE KONDO-ABBOTT, DNSc, RN, Associate Professor, SMU School of

Nursing, offered a five-day Chronic Disease Self-Management Program leaders' training, sponsored by the Japan Chronic Disease Self-Management Association, Tokyo University Medical Center, October 10-18, 2009. Fusae also reported the following recent publication: Kondo, F. (2009). "What is self-management?" *The Japanese Journal of Clinical Dialysis*, 25(11), 1513-1522.

MARIA MANGINI, PHD, RN, Associate Professor, HNU, attended the AANC workshop on Actualizing Cultural Competence in Masters and Doctoral Nursing Education. In addition one of Maria's doctoral classmates (Dr. Maria Fongwa) was one of the organizers and one of the graduates of HNU's graduate program. Enna Trevathan, who is now teaching at USF, was also a participant.

JULI MAXWORTHY, DNP, MBA, MSN, RN, CNL, CPHQ has recently accepted an opportunity to serve a four year term on the STTI Foundation Board of Directors. Juli has recently had an article accepted for the *AONE Leadership journal*.

BOBBIE RICHARDS, MA, RN, Assistant Professor and Bay Area Prelicensure Preceptorship Coordinator, and Paulina Van, RN, PhD, Assistant Professor, SMU School of Nursing presented a poster titled, "A Funny thing Happened After a Simulation Experience" at the California Institute for Nursing &

Health Care, Academic/Service Nursing Education Summit, "Magic in Teaching" held in San Francisco, November 2009. The poster was an illustration of a simulation teaching project and student experiences in preparing senior BSN nursing students for their first job interviews.

MILEVA SAULO LEWIS, EDD, RN, Associate Professor, SMU, was the lead author and presenter at the annual conference of University Academic Health System Consortium held in Orlando in April, 2009. Dr Lewis, working with a national task force presented the revisions of the ethics content for the national nurse residency programs. She initiated the use of a facilitator's guide that was accepted for use for the entire curriculum of this one year Nurse Residency Program, which takes place in approximately thirty university academic health centers throughout the country.

MICHELLE TELLEZ, PHD, RN, Assistant Professor, CSUEB, and co-authors, J. Spetz, JA. Seago, C. Harrington, and M. Kitchener, has had a research article accepted for publication in the peer reviewed, *Journal of Policy, Politics, and Nursing Practice*, August 2010. The title of the article was, "Do wages matter?: A backward bend in the 2004 California RN supply".



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