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2009 Induction Ceremony and Installation of Officers



STTI President Carol Huston -Keynote Speaker at Nu Xi Induction

On April 25, 2009, the Nu Xi Chapter-at-Large inducted 153 new members into the chapter at the annual Induction Ceremony that was held at Samuel Merritt University. Carol L. Huston, MSN, MPA, DPA, FAAN, President, International Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau, Professor, School of Nursing, California State University at Chico was the speaker. Her topic was “Leading Globally: the 2007-2009 STTI Presidential Call.” The speech was informative and very inspirational. She challenged the new members to become involved in the dynamic, internationally expanding organization. A delicious lunch followed for inductees and their families. There was an abundance of orchids and other flowers that contributed to a beautiful, festive event.

Dr. Fay Bower, Chapter President, presided over the installation of new officers for the Chapter. New officers will officially begin their terms on July 1, 2009. Juli Maxworthy, DNP, RN, will move from President-elect to President for the next biennium at that time.

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Officers of the Board of Directors and Committee Members and Chairs for Nu Xi At Large for 2009–2010, including continuing as well as newly elected officers, are:

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NU XI CHAPTER AT LARGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009

Event	Date	Time	Location
STTI 20th Annual International Research Congress	July 13-17, 2009	Info: congress@stti.org	Vancouver, Canada
Board Retreat	August 22, 2009 Saturday	10:00 AM-4:00 PM	Holy Names University TBA
Fall General Membership Meeting	October 13 , 2009 Tuesday	Board Meeting to follow. 5:00 PM Membership 6:30 Board	Holy Names University TBA
39th STTI Biennial Convention	October 31– November 4, 2009	See STTI website at: <i>www.nursingsociety.org</i>	Indianapolis, IN Abstracts due January 28, 2009
Spring General Membership & Annual Business Meeting	March 9, 2010	Board Meeting to follow. 5:00 PM Membership 6:30 Board	CSU East Bay Room & location TBA
2010 Induction & Installation of Officers	April 24, 2010 Saturday	Orientation 10:00 AM Induction, Installation, & Luncheon 11:00 AM	Samuel Merritt University Fontaine Auditorium HEC
STTI 21st Annual Research Congress	July 12-17, 2010	2010	Orlando, Florida
2010 Board of Directors Retreat	August 21, 2010	1:00-4:00 PM	Holy Names University Room TBA
2010 STTI Leadership Academy	September __, 2010	TBA	Indianapolis, IN
Fall General Membership Meeting	October 12, 2010	5:00 PM	Holy Names University Room TBA
STTI 22nd International Nursing Research Congress	July 10—15, 2011	TBA	Moon Palace Cancun, Mexico

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Most Successful Nu Xi Annual Fund Campaign Ever

Treasurer Shirley Dostal, reports that the chapter had the most successful Annual Fund Drive in its history, raising \$3,130 in 2008-2009. This exceeded the budgeted goal of \$3,000 and provides enough funding to cover all six of the Nu Xi Scholarships awarded in 2009. The number of donors to the annual fund has increased from 15 in 2006 to 31 in 2009 (donors listed below). The Annual Fund enables the chapter to fulfill its mission in key objectives including the award of scholarships (six grants) and support for nursing research (3 grants). In addition, a donation of \$500 was made to Flo's Cookie Jar, a non-profit charity that provides emergency funding grants to nursing students to enable them to continue to be enrolled when a financial emergency occurs. Thank you sincerely to all those who contributed this year.

2009 Annual Fund Donors

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Nu Xi Member Receives the Nurse of the Year Award

On February 12, 2009, Ventura County Medical Resource



Claudia Benton

Foundation was proud to present its prestigious David C. Fainer Award to individuals whose personal ethics and professional performance reflect Dr. Fainer's ideals of involvement, commitment, and contributions to health care in the community. Nu Xi Member, Claudia Benton, MSN, PHN, RN, was honored with the 2009 Community Nurse of the Year Award for Ventura County at the annual award ceremony and fundraising event. As part of the award event, Claudia received certificates of recognition and congratulations from the State Assembly and Congress. A recent MSN graduate of Holy Names University (2008), Claudia has been a community health nurse working for over 12 years. Joined by her husband and four children, friends and coworkers, Claudia reported that she was honored to receive this award and recognition along with other health professionals who have contributed to health care for up to 55 years in the County. Claudia hopes in the near future to teach for a local nursing school about her passion: public health.

Annual Nu Xi Research Conference

The Nu Xi at Large and Rho Alpha Chapters of Sigma Theta Tau International held a research conference entitled "Improving Practice Through Research" at Holy Names University on April 18, 2009 from 9:30AM - 3:30PM. The goals of the conference were: to promote research activities that improve healthcare outcomes and to motivate members to engage in nursing research activities.

About 25 nurses attended the conference and heard presentations by Dr. Luanne Linnard-Palmer, whose topic was a qualitative study entitled "Parents' Refusal of Medical Treatment for Cultural or Religious Beliefs: An Ethnographic Study of Health Care Professionals Experiences." Following her presentation, Dr. Lindsay McCrea presented a quantitative study entitled, "Gender Differences in Patients Evaluated for Constipation." After lunch a panel of experts discussed the various aspects of the research process. Dr. Olivia Catolico discussed the problem statement. Dr. Fay Bower discussed the theoretical framework of a study. Dr. Kimberly Kim described sampling, instruments and measurement, and Dr. Marcia Canton

discussed the data analysis, findings, and recommendations. As a final experience, two nurse researchers, who both received \$1000 awards for their research from Nu Xi at Large, presented posters that described the research that won them the awards. Dr. Denise Tsai-Yun Li presented her poster which was entitled "Physiological and Cortisol Responses to Pain in Critically Ill Patients" and Dr. Lynn Van Hofwegen described her poster which was entitled "Health for Latino Day Laborer Families: Perceptions of Grandparents." The evaluations indicated the participants found the day's events outstanding.

Nursing Research Congress Moved to Vancouver, Canada

Formerly scheduled to be held in Cancun, Mexico in July 2009, the 2009 International Nursing Research Congress has been moved to Vancouver, Canada due to concerns about the Swine Flu Outbreak in Mexico. In accordance with the recommendations of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) discouraging all non-essential travel to Mexico, STTI announced its plans to move the location of the event in early May. The meeting will be held in the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Center. Conference dates, July 13-17, 2009 will remain unchanged. Information about the 20th International Nursing Research Congress is online: www.nursingsociety.org. Attendees who have already made hotel reservations at the Moon Palace in Cancun, Mexico, should receive a full refund if cancellations are made at least seven days prior to the check-in date.

CSUEB Faculty Receive Nu Xi At Large Research Awards



Lynn Van Hofwegen

Dr. Van Hofwegen received a research award from Nu Xi in 2007-2008 and the current proposal is for an extension of work already completed last year on the topic of health among Latino Day Laborers. The second recipient is Denise Li, PhD, RN, CNS, Associate Professor of Nursing at CSU East Bay for her work on the research project titled, "The Physiologic and Cortisol Responses to Pain in Critically Ill Patients." The

Marcia E. Canton, R.N., PhD. Chair of the Nu Xi at Large Research Committee has announced that the Research Committee has selected two recipients for the 2008-2009 Nu Xi Research Awards for \$1,000.00 each. The first recipient is Lynn Van Hofwegen, DNP, APRN, BC, Associate Professor of Nursing, CSU East Bay in Concord for a study titled, "Health for Latino Day Laborer Families: Perceptions of Grandparents".

research awards were presented to recipients at the Research Conference on Saturday, April 18 at Holy Names University. Members of the proposal review committee included Sarah B. Keating, EdD, RN, FAAN, Visiting Professor, Orvis School of Nursing, University of Nevada, Reno and Janice LaCoste, MSN, RN, Quality Assurance Coordinator, Kaiser Permanente Antioch Medical Center.

Spring Meeting Held at CSU East Bay



Margaret Wright

The Spring General Membership and Annual Business Meeting of Nu Xi At Large were held on March 10, 2009 at 5-6:30 PM in the Biella Room at the library on the Hayward campus of California State University East Bay. Speaker for the event was Margaret Wright, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor, CSUEB. The topic of her presentation was, "Building a Logical Framework for Participation in Refugee Camp Public Health Programs. President Fay Bower announced the results of the recent ballot for election of officers and the names of newly elected officers for 2009-2010. A report on the financial health of the Chapter was made to members.

STTI Research Grant Opportunities

Submissions through the online grant system for co-sponsored grants are now being accepted until July 1, 2009 for the following: Educational Assessment Nursing Research Grant; The Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science Grant; Environment of Elder Care Nursing Research Grant and the Joan K. Stout, RN, Research Grant. Grants are made possible through contributions to the Sigma Theta Tau International Foundation for Nursing's research endowment. For additional information on the grants offered by STTI, please visit www.nursingsociety.org/Research/SmallGrants.

Take Advantage of FREE CE Courses for STTI Members

Members have exclusive access to free continuing education credits by going to www.nursingsociety.org/Education and clicking on "Members Only. Given the possible global impact of influenza outbreaks, STTI is providing current information to improve primary care nurses' ability to identify, diagnose, manage and treat patients with avian and swine influenza. Complete this course before 31 August 2009. Other courses on a variety of topics are offered throughout the year.

40th Biennial Convention

Register today for the Biennial Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana from October 31 through November 4, 2009. Join more than 2,000 members and nursing colleagues for

the opportunity to learn and share nursing knowledge and leadership skills that sustain the health of the world's people. Speakers include New York Times best-selling author Greg Mortenson and STTI President Carol J. Huston, RN, MSN, DPA, FAAN. Attendees can earn up to 20 continuing nursing education credits. More information is available on the Honor Society's Web site at www.nursingsociety.org/Events by clicking on Biennial Convention. Nu Xi members interested in attending should send an email to Julie Maxworthy, DNP, RN, President by July 15, 2009 to explore partial funding opportunities from the Chapter.

2009 Nu Xi Scholarships Awarded

Nu Xi at Large Chapter is awarding six \$500 scholarships in 2009 to students enrolled in the nursing programs at our sponsoring universities. Scholarship support is more critical than ever given the proposed elimination of California Grant Funds and reductions in college sponsored awards due to dramatic declines in investment portfolios. The first two scholarships have been awarded to graduate student Pam Eisman, BSN, RN and undergraduate student, Sabrina Finlea Strickland, RN, at Holy Names University. Pamela will soon graduate with a master's degree in nursing with the focus as clinical faculty. Pamela is an adjunct faculty member at Samuel Merritt University School of Nursing and was recently named a Bay Area Albert Schweitzer Fellow for the academic year 2009–2010. Sa-



Pam Eisman

brina Finklea-Strickland, an RN-BSN student, is the proud mother of six children, ages 5 to 25 years. She is an RN of 17 years who has worked in many areas of nursing, including inpatient, community, and education. Two years ago, she became a Faith Community Nurse (FCN) and began Sozo Health and Wholeness Ministry, a program in her local congregation. Partnering with various community hospitals and groups, she has become involved with community service agencies and Faith Communities in the East Contra Costa area offering health promotion and preventative health education.



Sabrina Finklea-Strickland, RN

Are You a Nursing Student? Welcome to STTI

Check out the NEW Student Central section of the STTI Web site today and discover resources that will help you achieve academic excellence and prepare for your nursing career. Visit www.nursingsociety.org/Student to get started!

ALERT!

Don't forget to report changes in email and mailing addresses to Sigma Theta Tau to continue receiving program notices and newsletters.

Go to the STTI website to make changes online:
www.nursingsociety.org



DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR APRIL SHOWERS

Toiletries for the Homeless Program

Don't forget to save complementary toiletries from hotels & spas for the April Showers Program. Bring to the Nu Xi Fall Meeting at Holy Names University or deliver to: Joan Bard, Samuel Merritt University
jbard@samuelmerritt.edu

NU XI AT LARGE: FULFILLING THE MISSION

NURSING RESEARCH



Diana Dunn Giving the Excellence in Research Award to Gretchen Summer

CONNECTING GLOBALLY



Left to right: Joan Bard, FNP Student, Cheryl Watkins, Nancy Gibbs, Valerie Dzuber and two FNP students. Speakers for Fall Program: The Global Reach of Nursing

MENTORING NEW MEMBERS



Mileva Saulo Lewis with new inductees, Caerie Sciammas, Erin Causey, Julie Yonekura, & Lindsay Littlejohn

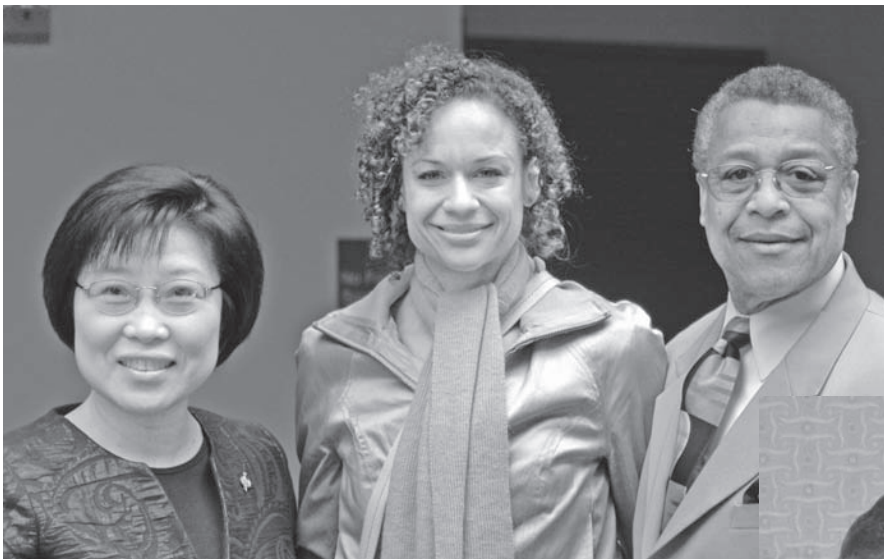
2008–2009

LEADERSHIP



Fay Bower, President, Rachel Coicou (new inductee) & Marcia Canton, Chair-Research

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT



Kimberly Kim with Tiffany Lightfoot and her father

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION



Nancy Dickinson Hazard, former Executive Director
& Bonnie Holmes, with Nu Xi Chapter Award Fall 2008



CSU East Bay

• CSU East Bay, College of Science, held a commencement ceremony in the University Stadium on Friday, June 12, 2009. One hundred and thirty (130) students received the BSN degree: 95 students with the generic BSN program and 35 completing the RN-BSN tract. Students selected Mary Milen, RN, MS, Lecturer and Julie Severet, RN, MS, Lecturer to pin their graduation pins. Of those graduates, over 15 students received honors' awards that were given to students with the GPA of 3.7 or above.

• Renee Granados, RN, MS received tenure at CSUEB in June 2009. Pamela Parlocha, RN, Ph D, Professor at CSUEB will be retiring from her position as Professor and RN-BSN Coordinator in fall 2009. She however will continue to teach part-time (FERP) for the next few years. Min Sohn, RN, Ph D resigned from her position as Assistant Professor to relocate to South Korea. Margaret Wright, RN, Ph D also resigned from her position as Assistant Professor, and she plans to travel around the world to educate and intervene in issues related to refugee health. Linda Jones, RN, MS joined the CSUEB to teach senior preceptorship practicum during this summer. Linda Morris, RN, Ph D also would join the CSUEB to teach community health practicum (CHN) in fall 2009.

• Kimberly Kim, RN, Ph D and Carolyn Fong, RN, Ph D have received another \$240,000 Song Brown Capitation fund from the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD). This fund will be used for supporting the expansion of the CSUEB nursing program during year 2009-2011. Kimberly Kim is the project director for this award. During spring quarter, Kimberly also received a mini-grant from the University to work on Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) Assessment through the University Faculty Learning Community. As a FLC fellow, she examined learning objectives, curriculum map, and rubrics of various disciplines with four faculty members.

Holy Names University

• Thursday, May 28, 2009 at the annual Alameda County Volunteer Recognition Event, Edith Jenkins-Weinrub, Ed.D. and nine students in the Master's in Nursing Administration class were formally recognized for their volunteer contribution in raising disaster awareness and preparedness. As part of their course curriculum, Dr. Jenkins-Weinrub's students completed the Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Instructor Training and each student hosted a Red Cross Disaster Preparedness training course in their Bay Area community. When asked if, after completing the course, they would continue their work with the Red Cross, a student remarked, "Of course. The Red Cross is a great organization and their mission of preparing communities for disasters is very important."

• The Center for Third Age Nurses, founded by Fay Bower, DNSC, FAAN, Chair of HNU Department of Nursing, presented a workshop on April 27 for the nurses at John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek who were interested in career development after reaching the age of 50. The participants were very satisfied with the day's activities that included the identification of one's strengths, needs and passions as a way to plan the future. The workshop also facilitated discussions and reflection on ways to determine what is available and/or what needs to occur to move into the next phase of one's career.

• Two HNU graduate administration students have had their letters to the editor published. Dennis Johnson and Deborah Ann King-Abraham both had their comments about an article in a publication published recently in *Advance* and *NurseWeek*. As a course requirement, the students select an article that has interested them and then they were to write about the article. In both cases, the students were complimentary and critical; highlighting what they thought was most useful about the article.



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- On June 2, 2009, 13 students in the sixth class of the 2+2 program were “handed off” to Samuel Merritt University School of Nursing to complete the BSN program. HNU President Rosemary Nassif spoke, giving the students praise for their accomplishments and wishing them success in the next two years of their education. This was the sixth class to have completed the first two years of the program. The first graduating class of the two plus two program completed BSN requirements in 2008.

- This year the largest class of graduate nursing students in the history of HNU was hooded and received diplomas at commencement ceremonies on May 16, 2009. Over 40 graduate students received the Master of Nursing Degree. They outnumbered any other group that graduated. While this might not seem a large group, it is when the total number of graduate students graduating was one hundred and ten. Even though we had to sit in the sun (over 100 degrees) for over two hours, it was well worth it to see the joy and satisfaction on the faces of these wonderful students.

Samuel Merritt University

- The Bernard Osher Foundation has awarded \$1 million to SMU to establish an endowment fund for undergraduate nursing scholarships. In addition, the Foundation has granted \$50,000 to provide ten BSN and ABSN scholarship awards of \$5,000 each in the coming year. SMU School of Nursing is celebrating its 100th year of operation in 2009.

- The San Francisco Foundation has awarded SMU a grant for \$150,000 to enhance valuing of diversity through such activities as supporting a review of the nursing curricula to ensure that cultural competence is integrated throughout programs. The grant will provide funding for three years for a part-time Director of Diversity to guide the initiative. Support for faculty development programs to enhance cultural competence of faculty will also be funded by the grant.

- The SMU School of Nursing has been awarded a grant of \$100,000 by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Careers in Nursing initiative to provide ten \$10,000 scholarships to allow SMU to recruit ABSN applicants from diverse populations, including Hispanic and males, who otherwise could not consider SMU an affordable option for their nursing education. Activities have been identified to recruit, retain, and develop these students.

- The Family Nurse Practitioner Program is pleased to announce that the pass rate for the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Certification exam for SMU graduates who took the exam in 2008 was 100%.

- Reporter George Harris on KCBS (740am) radio station recently recounted the story of Samuel Merritt University nursing students and the work they did with Project Homeless Connect Health Fair at the First Presbyterian Church in Oakland. More than three dozen Samuel Merritt University nursing students in the Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) and the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) program screened people with low or no health insurance for diabetes, hypertension, asthma, musculoskeletal injuries,

and more. Health referrals, education, and resources were also provided at the health fair. Joan Bard, DEd, RN Associate Professor School of Nursing, and Melini Maruszczak, ABSN student, provided interviews describing the project.

- In a similar vein, service-learning activities of SMU family nurse practitioner students and faculty were highlighted in an article in NurseWeek Magazine in May 2009. The article described a free health-screening day held on April 5, 2009 to serve the Bay Area Nepalese Alliance, a nonprofit group, at the Davis Street Family Resources Center in San Leandro, CA. Nearly two dozen FNP students screened displaced people from the Nepal, Bhutan, and Tibetan communities for diabetes, hypertension, asthma, sexually transmitted diseases, gout, musculoskeletal injuries and more. Health referral, education, and resources were also provided at the event. FNP faculty member, Valerie Dzuber, EdD, RN, was instrumental in organizing the event.

- The University’s 2009 commencement ceremony was held on Friday, May 22, 2009 at the Paramount Theatre in Oakland. The 2:00 PM ceremony celebrated graduates of the BSN and MSN programs. Outstanding Student Awards, acknowledging students whose clinical performance exemplifies the highest level of achievement, has contributed to the advancement of the profession, and has performed service as an outstanding representative of SMU were awarded to the following students: Nisha Thapa, Oakland FNP Program; Niko Lazarewicz, Sacramento FNP program; Mary Treuhaft, Case Management; and Lisa Allison, MSN On-line. The keynote speaker at commencement was Catherine Dodd, PhD, RN, who is currently serving as deputy chief of staff for health, human services, aging services, and children, youth and family services for the city and county of San Francisco.

- Moved by the sacrifice made by Oakland police officers who were killed in action recently, the Class of 2009 BSN students voted to donate their class fund, which would normally be used to sponsor a graduation party, in memory of the slain officers. BSN students, Michael Davidson, Ashley Brewster, and Caitlin Baron presented a check for \$1,100 to the Oakland Police Officer’s Association on May 19 at the Oakland Police Station. The money will be divided evenly between trust funds for the families of slain Oakland Police Sergeants Dunakin, Romans, and Sakai.

- The Annual Alumni Reunion Luncheon was held on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at the Health Education Center. The event began with a social hour at 11:00 a.m. followed by a 12:00 noon luncheon.





FUSAE KONDO ABBOT, DNSc, RN, Associate Professor, SMU, presented a poster at the annual Science Symposium at SMU on May 11, 2009. The title of her poster was, "Impact of the 2008 Pharmacy Therapeutic Benefit Change Implemented at SutterSelect."

CLAUDIA BENTON, MSN, PHN, RN, was honored with the 2009 Community Nurse of the Year Award for Ventura County at the annual award ceremony and fundraising event.

FAY BOWER, DNSc, RN, FAAN, Chairperson, Nursing, Holy Names University, presented at the workshop, Career Strategies for Third Age Nurses, sponsored by the Center for Third Age Nurses and held at John Muir Medical Center on May 27, 2009. The Third Age Center is an organization of nurse leaders who offer support, referrals and education for nurses 50 years and older who are interested in new opportunities and new ways to renew themselves as individuals and professionals. An article, "Nurses and the Third Age: Designing a Purposeful Future", by Dr. Bower and William Sadler was featured in the June issue of the STTI electronic magazine, Reflections on Nursing Leadership. Fay has also captured this work in her sixth published book titled, "Why Retire? Career Strategies for Third Age Nurses." The book was co-authored by Dr. Bill Sadler, a faculty member in the School of Business at HNU. The book offers lots of advice and help to those nurses 50 years or older who are unclear about what they want to do with their career. The book offers a review of what it takes to make a decision as one grows older about what is important and feasible but it also provides the reader with tips about ways to determine what is available and how to create the perfect fit between what is desired and what is available.

PATRICIA BRENNAN, PHD, RN, Assistant Professor, SMU, presented a paper, "Access to Liver Transplantation: Gender, Race, and Geographic Disparities".

at the annual Science Symposium at SMU on May 11, 2009.

CECILY COSBY, PHD, FNP, PA-C, DFAAPA, RN, Professor, SMU, resented on the topic, "Women on the Inside: Transgender Women in California Prisons" on May 11, 2009 at the annual Science Symposium at SMU.

VALERIE DZUBER, PHD, RN, Associate Professor, SMU, shared the story of the Himalayan Healthcare Project that resulted in the participation of FNP students from SMU in a health fair for the Bay Area Nepalese Alliance.

PAM EISELMAN, BSN, RN, adjunct faculty member at SMU and graduate student at HNU, and **SHANNON WIRTH, BSN, RN**, an ELMS-FNP student at SMU have been selected to receive highly competitive Schweitzer Fellowships for the coming academic year. The U.S. Schweitzer Fellows Programs provides community service fellowships for graduate students in health-related professional fields who are dedicated to addressing unmet health needs in their local community. Pam will be working with the Markstein Cancer Center to provide skin cancer screening for immigrant workers at risk due to high sun exposure. Shannon will be developing a health and wellness program for a monolingual Spanish speaking immigrant population consisting of families in recovery from substance abuse.

ALYSSA ERIKSON, PHD, RN, presented a paper, "Maintaining Integrity: How Nurses Navigate Boundaries in Pediatric Palliative Care" at the annual Science Symposium at SMU on May 11, 2009.

CAROLYN FONG, PHD, RN, has announced that she has postponed retirement and will be remaining as Chair of the CSUEB Department of Nursing.

SYLVIA FOX, PHD, RN, Professor, SMU, has accepted a position at SMU starting in August to promote nursing faculty integration and development

in the areas of simulation and informatics for the coming year. In this role, she will work to identify faculty development needs and strategies for integration of simulation into all course areas; develop a compendium of activities appropriate for alternatives to direct client care clinical experiences; evaluate the use of informatics in the curricula; lead a task force to ensure that informatics is incorporated into the prelicensure curricula; and develop plans to enhance faculty use of technology in teaching.

KIMBERLY KIM, RN, PH D, Associate Professor, CSUEB, published an article entitled, "Sleep and Fatigue Symptoms before and Six Weeks after Hysterectomy" in the JOGNN, May 2009 issue. Kimberly and Min Sohn, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor, also have an abstract; "Medication Knowledge of the Community Dwelling Elderly Population," accepted for podium presentation at The International Council of Nurses (ICN) in Durban, South Africa, June 27- July 4, 2009. Kimberly has been elected to the Board of Directors at the Alameda County Health Care Foundation (2009-2012). The mission of the Alameda County Health Care Foundation is to raise funds and generate community support for the Alameda County Medical Center.

LINDSAY MCCREA, RN, PH D, Associate Professor at CSUEB, presented a poster "Gender Differences in Characteristics, Bowel Symptoms, and Bowel Habits in Patients with Constipation" at the WOCN 41st Annual Conference in St. Louis. She also served as Abstract Chair for the same conference. Her manuscript "Gender Differences in Self-Reported Constipation Characteristics, Symptoms, and Bowel and Dietary Habits Among Patients Attending a Specialty Clinic for Constipation", reporting the same results was published in *Gender Medicine*, 6 (1), 1-13. She has agreed to serve on the Research Committee for Nu Xi for the coming year and has been

elected to the Board of Directors for the UCSF Nursing Alumni Association.

CAROLYN HARRIS-MUCHELL, PHD, RN is serving as a consultant/presenter for a group of adolescent teenage girls at Bishop O'Dowd Catholic High School in Oakland. The group is named "Sister of Success" and was begun by the Special Activities Director to address self-esteem issues and concepts. It is a support and information group open to all Junior and Senior students for the purpose of obtaining information on a variety of contemporary issues e.g. STIs, relationships with males, relationships with peers, relationships with family members, concerns about school, the community, etc.

ABBY HEYDMAN, PHD, RN, Professor, and Academic Vice President Emeritus, SMC, presented at the Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine on April 25, 2009. The topic of her presentation is the impact of the current economic environment on colleges and universities, particularly colleges of acupuncture and oriental medicine. Abby is also the author of chapter 52, "Caring for the Patient with Glandular and Hormonal Disorders," in a new textbook, *Medical Surgical Nursing: Preparation for Practice*, published in April 2009 by Pearson Publishing, New York. Primary authors and editors of the text are Kathleen Osborn, Cheryl Wraa, and Annita Watson, all of Sacramento, CA.

RENEE GRANADOS, MS, RN, Assistant Professor at CSUEB, instructor in pediatrics, was recently awarded tenure at the University.

RYE HUBER, PHD, RN, Assistant Professor, SMU, presented at the annual Science Symposium at SMU on May 11, 2009. The topic of her presentation was, "A Peek Inside the Astonishing Cell Fractals, Clathrin, Tensegrity, and Cellular Motors."

DENISE LI, PHD, RN, Associate Professor of Nursing, CSU East Bay, has been awarded a 2008-2009 Nu Xi Research Grant in the amount of \$1,000 for her work on the research project titled, "The Physiologic and Cortisol Responses to Pain in Critically Ill Patients."

KAREN LYON, PHD, RN, Associate Dean for Operations and Professor at SMU, has accepted a position as Associate Dean for Nursing at Texas Women's University College of Nursing in Houston effective August 2009.

PAM MINERICK, PHD, PMHCNS, BC, RN, FAAN, Professor at SMU, has published an article, *Sleep Disturbance in Midlife Women*, in the *Journal of Obstetrics, Gynecologic and Neonatal Nursing*, Volume 18(3): May/June 2009, p 333-343.

MARIA MANGINI, PHD, RN, Associate Professor, HNU completed the Citizens of Oakland Response to Emergencies (CORE) course in March. This citywide six week disaster preparedness training was presented at HNU. CORE promotes the spirit of neighbor helping neighbor and trains neighborhood leaders in emergency and disaster prevention, preparedness and response. Because of this training, Maria has become involved in two other related activities: the develop-

ment of a neighborhood emergency response team and participation in Oakland Citizen's Police Academy, a 14-week series of classes for citizens of Oakland.

ANNA MULLEN, DNSC, RN, Adjunct Professor, HNU & Director of the California Nurses Foundation, was a guest lecturer at Samuel Merritt University in April. The topic of her presentation was *Healthcare Restructuring and Its Impact on Nursing*.

KEVIN REILLY, MSN, RN, Assistant Professor, SMU, presented a poster at the annual Science Symposium on May 11, 2009 at SMU. The title of her poster was, "Nursing Students' Perceptions of Their Reflective Thinking Skills."

ARLENE SARGENT, EDD, RN, Associate Dean and Professor, SMU School of Nursing, presented a poster at the annual Science Symposium on May 11, 2009 at SMU. The title of her poster was, "Pilot Study of the Use of PDA's in the Maternity Clinical Setting." Colleagues assisting with the implementation of the study include Margaret Rivero Early, PhD, RN; Susan Cantrell, MSN, RNC; Sarah Hampson, MSN, RN and Renee Smith, MPH, CNM, RN. The poster has also been accepted for presentation at the Emerging Technologies Conference in La Jolla, CA on June 26 & 27, 2009.

LYNN VAN HOFWEGEN, DNP, APRN, BC, Associate Professor of Nursing, CSU East Bay in Concord was selected to receive a 2008-2009 Nu Xi Research Grant in the amount of \$1,000 for a study titled, "Health for Latino Day Laborer Families: Perceptions of Grandparents".





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