Officers for 2012–2014

Newly elected officers and those previously elected who will serve the Chapter for the 2012–2013 year were installed and took the oath of office. Their terms of office end in the year following their name.

Officers include:

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• Juli Maxworthy, Leadership Succession, Chair (2013)
• Arlene Sargent, Leadership Succession (2013)
• Nancy Gibbs, Governance Committee Chair (2013)

Induction 2012

The 2012 Induction Ceremony was held at the Public Market at Holy Names University on April 28, 2012 at 10:00 AM. Over two hundred and twenty-five inductees and guests enjoyed a new venue for the ceremony where round tables were decorated with flowers and lavender napkins. Over one hundred fifty new inductees were introduced by the Dean or Chair of their nursing program. Participants were inspired by the keynote address given by Dr. Patricia Benner, currently a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the University of Seattle; a Professor Emerita in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of California, San Francisco; and former Senior Scholar at The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Honored as a Living Legend by the American Academy of Nursing in 2011, Dr. Benner is a noted nursing educator and author of *From Novice to Expert: Excellence and Power in Nursing Practice*, which has been translated into ten languages. In addition, she directed the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching National Nursing Education Study, (*Educating Nurses: A Call for Radical Transformation*).

A beautiful lunch was served by the Holy Names catering staff. A silent auction was organized by Shirley Dostal, along with sales of Nu Xi t-shirts and honor cord raised funds for student scholarships for 2012-13. Marcia Canton, Vice President for Holy Names University, was the hostess for the event. Faculty counselors Liz Sibson-Tuan, Tamera Valenta, Michelle Tellez, and Fay Bower assisted with registration. Other volunteers included Denise Scholz, Bobbie Richards, Juli Maxworthy, Kevin Reilly, Irene Lam, Karen Wolf, Paulina Van, and Michelle Faxel.
Top to bottom: Michelle Tellez and Inductees from CSUEB: Patricia Benner, PhD, FAAN with New Inductees; Dr. Marcia Canton & Dr. Paulina Van; Anna Mullins, Mileva Saulo, Denise Scholz
Holy Names Students Receive Nu Xi Scholarships

Betina Pelesic, BSN, RN, a nurse in the inpatient oncology unit at Stanford University Medical Center, and a student in the graduate program at Holy Names University, was awarded a 2011-2012 scholarship by Nu Xi at Large. Betina grew up in Bosnia and Herzegovina (formerly Yugoslavia). In 1992, due to the civil war in Bosnia, she immigrated to Germany where she enrolled in nursing school. In 1999 she came to the United States, passing the RN licensure exam in 2002, and completing a BSN degree.

In addition to working and being a student full time, Betina is a mother of a twelve year old son.

Tina Marie Cheney, LVN, a mother of four and a grandmother, has been an LVN since 1991. She is employed as a nurse in the Kaiser Permanente General Surgery department where she has worked for ten years. She enrolled in the LVN-BSN program at Holy Names University in January 2011. Her long term goal after completing her BSN degree is to work for one year and then to return to school for specialty training as a WCON (Wound Care and Ostomy Nurse) and eventually to obtain a master’s degree.

Nu Xi Spring Annual Business & General Membership Meeting

The Spring annual business and membership meeting was held Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at John Muir Medical Center. Gourmet pizza and drinks were provided as members listened to keynote speaker Patricia Brennan, PhD, RN, Associate Professor-SMU, & NIH Faculty Champion in Genetics/Genomics. The topic of Dr. Brennan’s presentation was: Clinical Applications of Genetics and Genomics. She addressed the meaning of key words commonly used in this field including: genetics, genomics, and epigenetics and addressed how this burgeoning area of science is influencing nursing. Ethical, legal, and social issues related to genetics and genomics were also presented. Nancy Gibbs, MS, RN, and faculty from CSUEB hosted the meeting.

Nu Xi Collaborative Continuing Education Event

Nu Xi at Large co-sponsored a one day continuing education workshop with the Bay Area Chapters (Marin/SF, East Bay, & South Bay) Association of California Nurse Leaders on March 30, 2012 at Samuel Merritt University. Amir Dan Rubin, President & CEO of Stanford Hospital and Clinics, was the keynote speaker for the event which was attended by over 125 nurse leaders and executives. Sharon Diaz, MS, RN, President of Samuel Merritt University, Deloras Jones, MS, RN, Executive Director of the California Institute for Nursing & Health Care (CINHC) and Abby Heydman, PhD, RN, Chairman of the Board of the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, presented a forum on preparation of nurse leaders for roles on non-profit and organizational boards of directors.

WASHINGTON HOSPITAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM & NU XI AT LARGE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The Nursing Research and EBP Council at Washington Hospital Healthcare System and Nu Xi At Large Research Committee are hosting a research conference showcasing evidence-based practice. Our theme, “Nursing Led Research at the Community Hospital Level” seeks to highlight the work done by talented nurses and nurse led teams in facilities of all sizes. Papers may be submitted for either podium or poster sessions. The submission must be received by 5:00 PM on Friday, July 13, 2012. Send the abstract to chris_gershtein@whhs.com (underscore between first and last name). If you have any questions regarding submission please contact Chris Gershtein via email or phone 510-818-6213.
**HOLY NAMES UNIVERSITY**

HNU sponsored an annual Alumni Event on May 5, 2012 at Scotts Restaurant in Oakland. Over 50 alumni attended. It was a very wonderful time to share current news and to remember shared experiences of the past at HNU.

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, the specialized accreditation agency for baccalaureate and higher degree nursing programs, had a site visit to NHU in April for the purpose of renewing accreditation. The last accreditation was ten years ago and resulted in full approval without any recommendations. The visit went well and we are waiting now for the report from the Commission.

Commencement for graduate and undergraduate students was held on May 1, 2012. The largest group of master’s students graduating from HNU received their diplomas. A hooding ceremony was held the day before for undergraduate and graduate students in separate events. This was a great time to meet the families of the graduating students.

**SAMUEL MERRITT UNIVERSITY**

The University Community celebrated a Grand Opening of the newly renovated John A. Graziano Memorial Library March 15, 2012, hosted by Dr. Scot Foster, Academic Vice President. Lorayne Keeling, niece of John and Louise Graziano, addressed the group of over 85 in attendance to thank donors who found value in contributing to this center of student learning. The library can now better accommodate 1,400 students, as the library was initially designed for 400 students. The renovation provided many additional offices and work spaces for library and instructional support staff, a new 32 seat computer lab, four additional SMART student study rooms and conference room, and many naturally lit study niches for students. It is notable that nearly two hundred employees contributed to this renovation.

Commencement was held at the Paramount Theatre May 25, 2012. Jim Conway, an adjunct lecturer at the Harvard School of Public Health, was the Commencement speaker. Mr. Conway has served as a senior administrator in Healthcare Organizations including Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Children’s Hospital in Boston. In addition to his Harvard appointment, he is a principal of the Governance and Leadership Group of Pascal Metrics in Washington, DC. The University conferred degrees upon the graduating students.

The Faculty Development Committee and Office of Academic Affairs (OAA) sponsored the 7th Annual Faculty Symposium and Recognition Luncheon at the Health Education Center on May 11, 2012. This event offers faculty and staff opportunity to present their recent scholarly contributions to the academic community. The Recognition Luncheon honors faculty accomplishments, including promotions, sabbaticals and national honors and awards. Two members of the Board of Regents attended the event.

On March 23 and 24, 150 distinguished practitioners and scholars gathered in Arlington, VA for the National Academies of Practice 17th Annual Meeting & Forum to explore ways to achieve successful interprofessional health care. Their insights and conclusions will be shared in a public policy paper that will be sent to members of Congress and other public policy makers. A highlight of the two-day event was induction of 64 newly elected members into NAP, which represents 10 health care professions. Election is based on strict criteria, including a demonstrated dedication to interprofessional healthcare, ensuring the highest level of professionalism and accomplishments among members. Three members of the Samuel Merritt University faculty, Valarie Dzubur, EdD, RN, FNP, Patricia Brennan PhD, RN; and Celeste Villenuvea, MS, CRNA, were inducted as fellows into the Academy of Nursing Practice at the event.

2012-13 Preview Week is being planned for the week of August 27th, 2012. The week’s activities includes, a day-long faculty development session, new faculty orientation, new student orientation and program strategic planning meetings to prepare for the beginning of the academic year. The speaker for the Faculty Development Day will feature Dr. Ike Shibley, a chemistry professor at Penn State Berks. His pedagogical research interests involve exploring ways to facilitate cognitive development in college students and finding the most productive ways to enhance student learning. His topic for the day will center on the use of education technologies to enhance learning.

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY EAST BAY**

The CSUEB Hayward Pinning took place on the Hayward campus on Saturday 3/24. The event was planned and executed beautifully by the East Bay Student Nurses Association. The 2012 class invited student Valentin Ojeda and faculty Dr. Lindsay McCrea to speak. Dr. Kimberly Kim provided the introductory comments and Dr. Roberta Durham provided closing remarks.

Following her many years of service, Dr. Carolyn Fong has retired as chair of the Department of Nursing and Health Sciences at CSUEB. Dr. Fong gave excellent direction to the nursing program and will be missed. In her tenure the nursing program doubled in size, the Concord campus cohort was begun, RN-BSN completion program expanded greatly and ADN-BSN collaborative with 5 ADN programs were begun. Dr. Fong will continue to be active in the Nursing community and at CSUEB. Dr. Lynn Van Hofwegen is currently serving as Interim Chair.
Patricia Brennan, RN, PhD, Assistant Professor, SMU, was awarded a faculty research grant of $1,425.00 for the Faculty Research Grant of $1,425.00 for the "Practical Experience for Undergraduate Students". She presented a paper, "Reducing the Risk of Multiple Birth: Single Embryo Transfer" at the Annual Meeting Postgraduate Course for the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, October 2011, Orlando, Florida.

Loretta Camarano, RN, PhD, Assistant Professor, SMU, presented a paper, "A Battery-Operated LED Microscope For Portable Field Use." Basic Science. Global Health and Innovation Conference, Yale University School of Medicine, April 20-21, 2012.

Maria Cho, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor, SMU, and colleagues report the following publication: Dodd, J.J., Cho, M.H., Cooper, B.A., Peterson, J., Bank, K.A. Miaskowski, C. "Identification of latent classes in patients who are receiving biotherapy based on symptom experience and its effect on functional status and quality of life." Oncology Nursing Forum 1; 38(1):3-42, 2011.


Gail DeBoer, MS, RN, Assistant Professor, SMU, was awarded a curriculum and Instruction Innovation Award of $2,177 from the Office of Academic Affairs for KOLB Learning Assessment.

Sharon Diaz, PhD (hon), MS, RN, President, SMU, was a speaker at the Bay Area Chapters of the Association of California Nurse Leaders Conference in Oakland on March 30, 2012. President Diaz served on a panel with Abby Heydman, PhD, RN, and Deloras Jones, MS, RN, on nurse leaders preparing for leadership roles on non-profit and organizational boards of directors.


Valerie Dzuber, EdD, RN, FNP, Associate Professor, SMU, presented at the April 15, 2012 National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties Meeting on an “Interprofessional experience for FNP students.”

Marjorie Early, RN, PhD, Associate Professor, SMU, Named as a member of the American Association of Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA) Scholarly Review Committee. Serving as a reviewer of abstracts submitted for APNA 2012 Annual Conference.

Miriam Eisehardt, RN, MPH, Assistant Professor, SMU, and Marjorie Hammer, FNP MSN, RN, Assistant Professor, SMU, have been awarded a Faculty Research Grant of $1,425.00 for the “The Spirit Seminars- Cultural Content Integration.”

Sylvia Fox, RN, CNS, PhD, Assistant Professor, Nursing, SMU, & Lina Gage-Kelly, APRN-ANP, MS, Assistant Professor, SMU, Nursing, “Simulation in Healthcare: Senior Nursing Students’ Response to Culminating Simulation Experience.” Drexel University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, March 23, 2012. Dr. Fox has also been appointed a board member for Horizon Services, Inc. Horizon is a nonprofit community based organization committed to reducing alcohol and drug addiction by providing mental health, prevention, and recovery services. It serves Alameda, Santa Clara, and San Mateo Counties.


Rhonda Ramirez, FNP, EdD, Assistant Professor, SMU, Nursing, "New Approaches to Difficult Conversations." 21st Annual Northern California Department of Medical Ethics Conference, Oakland, CA, March 3, 2012.

Mileva Saulo, RN, PhD, Associate Professor, SMU, Nursing, "New Approaches to Difficult Conversations." 21st Annual Northern California Department of Medical Ethics Conference, Oakland, CA, March 3, 2012.

Arlene Sargent, EdD, RN, Assistant Dean & Professor, SMU, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of John Muir Medical Center.

Kathryn Shade, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor, SMU, received a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of California San Francisco. The title of her dissertation is, "Father Identity Development among Youth in the Justice System". Shade, K., Kools, S., Weiss, S. J. and Pinderhughes, H. “A Conceptual Model of Incarcerated Adolescent Fatherhood:

Michelle Tellez, PhD, RN, Associate Professor, CSUEB, published a paper titled, Nursing Informatics Education, Past, Present, and Future in the peer reviewed journal Computers Informatics and Nursing, May 2012. Michelle is the interim Assistant Director for the Nursing Program at CSUEB at the Concord Campus.

Lou Ella Taylor, PhD, RN, Adjunct Assistant Professor, SMU has been named a T-32 National Institute of Nursing Research Fellow. Lou Ella also reports the following publication: Taylor, L, Stotts, N., Humphreys, J., Treadwell, M., & Miaskowski, C. A review of the literature on the multiple dimensions of chronic pain in adults with sickle cell disease. Journal of Pain and Symptom Management. 40(3) 416-435. 2010

LyNN vaN Hofwegen, DNP, RN, APRN, Associate Professor and Acting Chair, CSUEB, presented her research “Leading the way: Latino Day Laborer Health Promoters” at Western Institute of Nursing Research Annual Conference, in Portland, Oregon, in April, 2012.

Karen Wolf, PhD, RN, ANP-BC, DFNAP, Professor, SMU, presented a poster, “Ethnographic Toolbox”, at the April15, 2012 National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties meeting in Charleston, SC. Karen has also had a paper accepted for presentation at the 23rd International STTI Research Meeting to be held July 30 to August 3, 2012 in Brisbane Australia. Her presentation is entitled “From Roots to Shoots: the History and Early Development of Nurse Practitioners in the US”. Dr. Wolf was also named a member of the RWJF Regional Action Coalition for Advanced Practice Nursing, 2012.

NU XI Chapter at Large Calendar of Events 2012-2013

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20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, October 20, 2012
9:00 AM-12:30 PM

Brunch & Program to Follow

Join us for brunch and an exciting program.
Details to follow.