

MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY  
MARJORIE K. UNTERBERG  
SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH STUDIES  
**Notes on Nursing**

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*“Success is the good fortune that comes from aspiration, desperation, perspiration and inspiration.”* Evan Esar

**From the Deans Desk -  
Marilyn M. Lauria, R.N., Ed.D.**

Congratulations to the Graduates! On behalf of the faculty and the staff of the School of Nursing and Health Studies we wish you continued success. This year the graduation ceremony took place at the PNC Arts Center under near perfect weather conditions. For those who have memories of graduation ceremonies in excessive heat or torrential rain, you know how important this can be.

Those honored included Sara H. Bloomfield, Director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, who was awarded a honorary Doctoral Degree of Public Service. Frankie Valli, was awarded a Doctor of Music and Charles Gibson, from *Good Morning America* who was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters, gave the commencement address. He offered some words of advice - “do something that matters” he said.

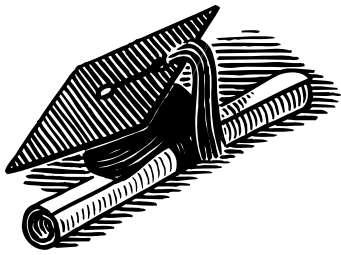
It seemed appropriate that the School of Nursing and Health Studies would be the first group to stand and receive their diplomas. The Asbury Park Press featured several of our graduates in their on-line edition of the newspaper. See the milestone section of the newsletter for an excerpt.

There was another notable Graduate on May 17. Congratulations to Professor Laura Jannone who received a Doctorate in Nursing Education from Columbia University.

I am pleased to announce that in the near future we will have Health Studies Majors receiving diplomas from the School of Nursing and Health Studies. We are in the final stages of securing approval for this program of study. The first Health Studies students will be enrolling in the Fall of 2007. We believe that a degree in Health Studies will be an attractive area of study for traditional University students. It will also serve as a completion degree option for those with an associate’s degree in an allied health specialty area such as laboratory technician, X-ray technician and respiratory therapy. In preparation for this program, two non-nursing faculty members prepared in Health Studies will join our School in the Fall of 2006.

Please look inside the newsletter for upcoming program dates to remember.

**Enjoy your summer!**



## Congratulations to the School of Nursing Graduates - 2006!

### School Nursing Certificate

Jennifer Bayles  
Norma Estevez  
Barbara Protasenia

Barbara Campbell  
Susan Isernia  
Jeanne Trotta

Ellen Danyo  
Karin Luttman

### Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Dora Boynton  
Marianne Bunge  
Michele Goodwin

Heather Kannheiser  
Renee McGrogan  
Diane Workman

### Master of Science in Nursing

Lisa Abatangelo  
Nicholas Carrido  
Maria Cunha-O'Hara  
Barbara Deacon  
Lisa Falcon  
Paula Graziano  
Deborah Keller  
Catherine McDonald  
Jill Mosteller  
Eleanor Sico  
Deborah Tornquist

Sherr Ann Arabit  
Carol Chriss  
Ellen Danyo  
Margaret Dowden  
Diana Galdieri  
Beverly Johnson  
Nancy MacGregor  
Joanne McGurl  
Rosa Ramos  
Marybeth Staines  
Heidi Toth

Sharan Burke  
Coletta Coles  
Michelle Davis  
Mary Doyle  
Ellen Gieser  
Mary Jo Kelleher  
Kathy Maloney  
Jennifer Mitchell  
Annette Scott-Greene  
Rachel Thomas  
Jennifer Weber





*The officers for the Lambda Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau for the 2006-07 year: President, Chat Conde; VP, Susan Torres; Secretary, Joanne McGurl; Treasurer, Lolita Jacob & President -elect, Carolyn Zagury. The faculty counselors are Professors Patricia Reineke and Marianne Darden.*

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*The following Students and Community Leaders were inducted into The International Honor Society of Nursing on May 10, 2006.*

**Undergraduate**

Donna Hawley  
Renee McGrogan  
Christine Mizrahi  
Debbie Serra  
Diane Workman

**Community Leaders**

Kim Annasenz  
Clarita Dieran Curato  
Karin Luttmann  
Kimberly McCourt  
Barbara Paskewich  
Marguerite Phillips  
Karen Rooney  
Maria Vasquez  
Patricia Wesch  
Michelle Zarzecki

**Graduate**

Lisa Abatangelo  
Lita Abrazaldo-Richards  
Patricia Adams  
Catherine Albach-Jordan  
Louise Balligan  
Rachel Behrendt  
April Bird  
Kathy Britton  
Michelle Davis  
Heather Della Croce  
Kathleen Demarsico  
Christene DeWitt-Parker  
Colleen Donovan  
Mary Doyle  
Lisa Falcon  
Diana Galdieri

Colleen Goeller  
Marissa Guzman  
Gail Hall  
Kathryn Hanna  
Carol Huggler  
Mary Jo Kelleher  
Kerrie Kelly  
Cassandra Leahy  
Nancy MacGregor  
Patricia Marcelle  
Laura McKenna  
Nancy Merwede



**Professors Patricia Reineke & Marianne Darden, faculty advisors 2005-07**



**Pictured Dr. Marilyn Lauria, Dean of the School of Nursing with Maris Lown, Director of Health Sciences, Brookdale Community College, recipient of the Janis Marchetti Leadership award.**

## Notes on Nursing

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### News From Monmouth University Professional Nurse Association

The committee members have encouraged student involvement! We would like to thank those who attended the spring social. We encourage current students to visit the MUPNA site which will be updated over the summer. Please contribute by forwarding information to be posted or by adding to the discussion. We would like to have your suggestions as we update the site this summer.

### Lambda Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau

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*The following are the results from the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Nursing Research Day of the Lambda Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International held on May 6, at Bey Hall, Monmouth University. Dr. Cira Fraser, who provided photo documentation of the event, noted, "The students did a wonderful job presenting their research in a scholarly and creative way." Congratulations to the following Monmouth University Students for their outstanding contributions!*

**First Place:** Sharan Burke and Bridget Koch - "Caregivers' Perception of Level of Comfort in Hospitalized Children Who Participate in Animal Assisted Visitation"

**Second Place:** Catherine Albach-Jordon and Colleen Donovan - "A Comparative Study of Coping in Graduate Students in Nursing"

**Third Place:** Mary Doyle and Heidi Toth - "Stress and Coping in New Jersey School Nurses"

**Third Place:** Ellen Gieser and Catherine McDonald - "Comparison of Coping Strategies of Novice versus Expert Secondary School Teachers of Students with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder"

**Awarded the Sigma Research Grant:** Rachel Behrendt, Heather DellaCroce and Lisa Falcon - "Critical Care and Oncology Nurses' Coping Styles and Attitudes Toward Death"



**Rachel Behrendt, Heather DellaCroce and Lisa Falcon**



**Mary Doyle and Heidi Toth**



## Letters from (Nurse) CAMP -



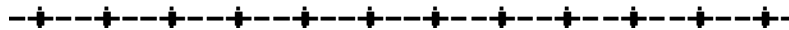
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We are preparing for the second summer of nurse camp and have selected 25 outstanding students and 5 outstanding counselors for the summer program. The camp will run from July 10- 21, with a curriculum similar to last years, but this year an added focus will be on diabetes and cardiovascular disease. We have also added two new modules, one in nutrition and one in athletic training.

The students from last summer asked to return so we have set-up a two day, mini camp in June. We are in the process of completing an end of year survey from this group. It is nice to hear that several students have continued to explore health occupations by taking specialized courses in High School and volunteering at the local hospitals.

The Nurse Camp counselors from last summer also achieved some milestones. Anne Fraser, passed her NCLEX exams and has been working in Neuro ICU. Vivian Parlamis was inducted into the Nurses Honor Society and is currently touring hospitals in Ireland with the Villanova Nursing program. Vanessa Vasques received the Latino Scholars Award and Devon Paskewich completed a student internship as a Lead Strong Coordinator and completed a half-marathon. Megan McBurnie visited Texas over spring break as part of a service learning project. They will all be returning to Nurse Camp to share their experiences with the camp participants. Needless to say we are very proud to have been a part of their educational experience.

## Student Awards



***Marianne Bunge (BSN '06)** - Received the Nursing Leadership Award from the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies.*

***Lisa Falcon (MSN '06)** - Received the Nursing Scholarship Award from the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies.*

***Michelle Goodwin (BSN '06)** - Received the Nursing Scholarship Award from the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies.*

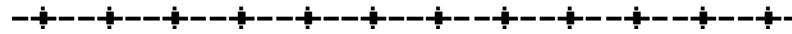
***Nancy MacGregor (MSN '06)** - Received the Natural Medicines Comprehensive Data-Base Recognition Award.*

***Kathy Maloney (MSN '06)** - Received the Nursing Scholarship Award from the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies.*

***Joanne McGurl (MSN '06)** - Received a Nursing Leadership Award from the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies.*

***Maureen E. Tyrrell (MSN '06)** - Received the Nursing Scholarship Award from the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies.*

## Milestones - Students & Alumni



**Dora Boynton (BSN '06)** – and her daughter were featured in the *Asbury Park Press* because they both earned Bachelors degrees from Monmouth University this May.



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**Donna Fitzpatrick, Barbara Protasenia, Arlene Neppel, & Antonina Shriver** – current student -received scholarships from the Monmouth County School Nurses Association.

**Catherine McDonald (MSN '06)** – was accepted into the University of Pennsylvania's PhD. program. She received the Nursing Scholarship Award from the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies.

**Lolita Jacob (MSN '05)** - received the Hannelore Sweetwood Mentorship Award from The Lambda Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau.

**Diane Lynch (current MSN student)** – who is a school nurse in Brick, New Jersey, had an article published in *Nursing Spectrum*, March 27, 2006.

**Rosa Ramos (MSN '06)** - received the United States Army Spirit of Nursing Award. She was featured in the *Asbury Park Press* on May 18, 2006. An excerpt from the article is quoted as follows:

### **At war when not in class**



One person not ready for retirement is Rosa Ramos, 40, of Perth Amboy, who graduated with a master's degree in nursing and who divides her time between nursing duties in the Perth Amboy school district and in the Air Force Reserve, which takes her all over the world, including Iraq and other areas of the Middle East.

All this is after 7½ years on active duty for the Navy, including a stint in Operation Desert Shield during which she served in Turkey and Saudi Arabia.

Her time in the Reserves keeps her so busy now because being at war makes it like being in the active military, Ramos said. During her travels, she's had to e-mail her papers to Monmouth University, or her husband downloads them and sends them in, or her professors allowed her to be late a day or two, if it is a short mission. She credits Monmouth's flexibility in allowing her to complete her degree and continue to serve her country.

As a trauma nurse, Ramos often accompanies injured patients back from the field to military hospitals in this country. "My husband doesn't believe I will ever slow down," she said of Ismael Caraballo, the father of their two children. "I quite enjoy what I do. If I'm happy, I'm a happy mom, I'm a happy wife. My husband's been very supportive of that. I love being able to give my patients a safe trip home, and that is my goal. I thank God I am able to do that.

**Patricia (Scott) Worth (BSN '96)** – is currently the VP of Clinical Services for Meridian Quality Care where she oversees quality assurance and regulatory compliance for long term care for the Meridian Health System.

## Take Note



We are conducting alumni surveys, from the one and five year graduates. These surveys are a requirement for our continued accreditation. They are also important tools that allow the School of Nursing and Health Studies to review and assess the programs we offer. If you receive a survey, please take a few minutes to complete it and get it back to us. Your participation is important to us.

**June 16, 2006**      **NJSNA Region 6 Annual Dinner** - 6-10pm at the Holiday Inn, Tinton Falls. Regina Cunningham will speak on Oncology: Evidenced Based Research. For information contact Sharon Stark at 732-583-3462.

**July 10-21, 2006**      **Nurse Camp** - For students in middle school interested in nursing to be held on campus at Monmouth University.

**September 5,**      **Classes begin**

## **Continuing Education Programs – Summer 2006**

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**June 5-9, 2006 - Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program**, McAllan Hall, room 328, fee \$650.00, contact hours have been applied for through the New Jersey State Nurses Association.



**June 26, 2006 - Substitute School Nurse Workshop**  
11:30am-4:00pm, McAllan Hall, room 328, fee \$60.00, 6 NJSEA contact hours awarded.

**August 22, 2006 - Writing Workshop – Research Papers**  
6:00-9:00pm, fee \$40.00/\$35.00 for MU students.

**Preview of Fall Programs** - We have the following programs planned: *Pediatric Physical Assessment, Tips for Testifying, Pharmacology, (SANE- will be offered in January 2007).* Look for the Fall brochure in mid-August.

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**Continuing Education Registration** - There are limited seats available for the summer programs. If you would like more information, or would like to attend, please contact the School of Nursing.

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