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Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies

Notes on Nursing

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*"Do you want to know who you are? Don't ask. Act!
Action will delineate and define you."*

Thomas Jefferson

From the Dean's Desk -

Dr. Janet Mahoney

As the spring semester ends, the summer begins with a renewed sense of energy. I would like to begin by offering congratulations to the graduates! On May 20, Monmouth University awarded diplomas to its largest graduating class of 1200 students on a picture perfect day. There were 48 graduates from Nursing and 50 from Health Studies.

It has been an extremely busy and productive academic year. To mention a few initiatives and events, there is great deal of interest in the Health & Physical Education major which will start in fall of 2010. The Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP) is expected to start in the summer of 2011. In April, Eta Sigma Gamma, the honor society for health educators at Monmouth University, held its second induction. The Lambda Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, the honor society for nurses, held its 20th Annual Induction on May 15.

The faculty and administration have been working on a number of projects. Several Health Studies' students benefitted from a grant from Pfizer, which supported their membership in national health organizations and for conference registrations. We also received a grant from the Independent College Fund of NJ Becton Dickinson to purchase medical equipment to teach a new home health course. Students who complete the course and become certified will be able to work as home health aides. In addition, funding was received from the Independent College Fund of NJ, Johnson & Johnson, to create a program

introducing various careers in health and science to high school students. The Health Careers "Tool Kit" is being developed this semester. In the fall, the interactive Tool Kit will be piloted to high school students.

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Jim Konopack and Dr. Mary Ann Troiano were successful in tenure candidacy. Dr. Mary Ann Troiano also defended her capstone project and has earned a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Degree. She will be instrumental in coordinating the DNP major that was approved by the Board of Trustees in March 2010.

On behalf of the School of Nursing community, I extend best wishes to Professor Kathleen Maher who retired this spring. We thank Kathy for numerous contributions, including her capacity to handle change in a positive manner, and her commitment to nursing excellence. Over the years, she has been an inspiration to the students, faculty and staff in the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing & Health Studies.

We wish much success to Professor Susan Kohl Malone who will be leaving Monmouth University to pursue her doctorate degree at the University of Pennsylvania.

I look forward to seeing students and alumni at the School's *Center for Professional Development in Nursing and Health Studies'* First Annual Distinguished Speaker Program. Margaret Fitzgerald will present a variety of topics focusing on Nurses in Practice, on June 14.

Monmouth University Graduation ~ May 20, 2010



Graduates in Nursing

Bachelors of Science

Tanya Hubbard

Joan Schlittner

Liqin Zhang

Master of Science

Ellen Angelo
Adebola Atilola
Janice Bautista
Amy Billera
Dora Boynton
Gary Buckalew
Lillian Carr
Myrtle Carter
Jaclyn Conway
Andrea Cortese
Cynthia Daullary
Bernadette Dean
Kerri Donofrio
Kristin Dulfer
Judith Egan

Juvyscilla Ferriols
Renata Flaks
Kimberly Franzo
Linda Gable-Gaston
Laurie Gambardella
Eileen Gavin
Heather Harding
Sally Isaacs
Miriam Iwu
Jeanne Jensen
Karen Kahn
Kerrie Kelly
Milagros Ledesma
Elena Leontieva
Karin Luttmann

Ndanda Mabhena
Janet Mazauskas
Debra McGrath
Katherine Molzon
Grace Peters
Laura Redmond
Erin Salardino
Amanda Sherak
Carolan Sherman
Rebecca Sorrentino
Bonnie Tallarita
Dan Unachukwu
Patty Vaccarelli
Nancy Wagner

Certificate Completion

Jill Armstrong
Jessica Arnold
Mary Ellen Engel
Mary Ellen Foley

Patricia Gandolfi
Bridget Koch
Moirra Hays-Dreschler
Holly Kokes

Rebecca Sorrentino
Caroline Garner
Vanessa Vasquez
Nancy Wagner



Awards and Recognition ~ School of Nursing

Judith Egan (MSN '10) - Received the MSN Academic Excellence Award from the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies.

Sally Isaacs (MSN '10) - Received the MSN Leadership Award from the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies.

Ndanda Mabhena (MSN '10) - Received the Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database Recognition Award from the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies.

Erin Salardino (MSN '10) - Received the MSN Leadership Award from the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies.

Joan Schlittner (BSN '10) - Received the BSN Academic Excellence Award from the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies.

From the Monmouth University Professional Nurses Association (MUPNA)

On April 15, the Monmouth University Professional Nurses Association (MUPNA) sponsored a Spring Social in Magill Commons. The event was open to all nursing students and faculty. We were fortunate to have Michelle Foley, past president of the New Jersey League of Nursing, as our guest speaker. She led an inspirational round table discussion on leadership in nursing. The enlightening discussion was well received by those in attendance. Refreshments and finger sandwiches were served with ample opportunity for socializing and networking. There is an extensive list of scholarships in the MUPNA web-shell on e-campus - under the content section. All currently enrolled students are members of our web community.



Congratulations to the Graduates! Health Studies ~ 2010

Richard Baker
Amanda Boyle
Tia Case
Alex Ciafardini
Kyle Cunningham
Francesca Cuttaia
Lauren DeBaene
Joanna Dellomo
Alix DeTullio
Alexa Ferrara
Laura Forbes
Melissa Flynn
Katharine Habermann
Samantha Hegmann
Tracy Huggins
Stephanie Jaramillo

Alison Jimenez
David Kennedy
Courtney Killard
Jillian Lagoa
Lucija Landeka
Alesha Lazan
Brittney McLaughlin
Sara Micich
Ganine Nastro
Jessica Nicola
Judy Ann Onday
Ashley Pappalardo
Jacqueline Pireaux
Alyssa Pizzo
Alison Pollock

Emily Pritchard
Megan Rondina
Michael Romagnolo
Derek Rosinski
Brianna Salvia
Eric Schaffer
David Sinisi
Ashleigh Taylor
Sunungural Tongesayi
John Tronolone
Stephanie Tucci
Sara VanLunen
Amanda Wakefield
Scott Weaver
Bethanne Wishbow



Awards and Recognition ~ Health Studies

Francesca Cuttaia (HE '10) - Received the Health Studies Leadership Award from the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies.

Alix DeTullio (HE '10) - Received the Health Studies Leadership Award from the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies.

Stephanie Jaramillo (HE '10) - Received the Health Studies Academic Excellence Award from the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies

Judy Onday (HE'10) - Received an Interdisciplinary Gerontology Certificate.

Rachel Tranotti (HE'10) - Received an Interdisciplinary Gerontology Certificate.

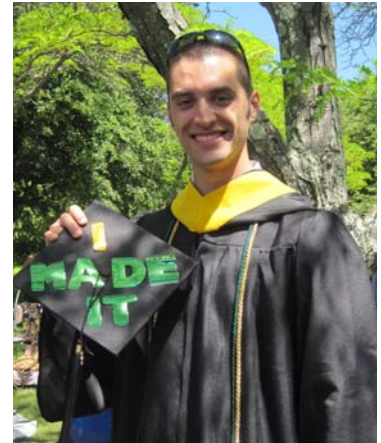
Eta Sigma Gamma Induction ~ Congratulations to the following individuals who were inducted on April 28

Courtney Dunster
Stephanie Martinez

Courtney Killard
Rachel Tranotti

Tiffany Kirk

Eta Sigma Gamma congratulates all of its graduating seniors and wishes them the best of luck in their future endeavors.



Health Studies Awards for Scholarly and Professional Development

Submitted by Dr. Jim Konopack

This semester a grant funded by the Pfizer Undergraduate Research Endeavors (PURE) program provided a unique opportunity for Health Studies majors. Under this award, students were able to join a professional association relevant to their educational and career goals. Several students were also able to attend academic conferences with faculty mentors. Congratulations to the following seven students who received awards:

- **Alix DeTullio** travelled to New Haven, CT for the Unite for Sight conference.
- **Ashleigh Taylor** will attend the National Wellness Conference in Stevens Point, WI.
- **Caitlyn Lee** attended the Society of Behavioral Medicine conference in Seattle, WA.
- **Jackie Eareckson** traveled to Denver, CO for the American Public Health Association's annual meeting in November.
- **Judy Onday** attended the mid-year meeting of the NJ Society for Public Health Education.
- **Stefania Tattoli** was awarded a one-year student membership in the Society for Public Health Education.
- **Yleana De Los Angeles** attended the Health Advocacy Summit in Washington, DC.



International Honor Society of Nursing Sigma Theta Tau International ~ Lambda Delta Chapter



News from Marianne Darden, Faculty Advisor

The STTI Induction Ceremony was held on May 15 at the Jumping Brook Country Club. The program welcome was given by the outgoing president Lolita Jacobs, followed by the invocation, given by outgoing faculty counselor Marianne Darden. This was followed by a short history of the Lambda Delta Chapter given on its 20th anniversary by the founding member and chapter historian, Janice Marchetti. Dean Janet Mahoney gave an update of the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies.

New officers were sworn in: Cindy Marvulli-President; Marilyn Roy-President Elect; Jaclyn Conway-Treasurer; and Tresa Dusaj-Faculty Counselor.



Congratulations to the following individuals who were inducted into the Lambda Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau ~ May 15, 2010

Kaitlyn Aquino	Eleanor Dominguez-Curatolo	Katherine Molzon
Genna Banafato	Sandra Farnan	Theresa Raskauskas
David Ben-Avraham	Tanya Hubbard	Latoya Rawlins
Michelle Brodsky	Miriam Iwu	Michelle Skiber
Grace Brunner	Mary Ann McCabe	Alda Valenzuela
Michele Doebler-Morgan	Ronald Camba Meredor	Francine Wingel

The Lambda Delta Chapter honors the following award recipients for the 2009-10 year

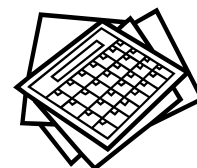
Lolita Jacobs - Received the Janice Marchetti Leadership Award.

Vicki DeNoia - Received the Hannelore Sweetwood Mentorship Award.

Arnold Deluna - Received the Dean Marilyn Lauria Scholarship.

Allan Guerra - Received the Dr. Carolyn Zagury Scholarship.

Dates to Remember



June 17 - *Pharmacology - Prescribing Controlled Substances*

Time: 9:00am-4:00pm

Place: The Club Dining Room

Fee: \$95 / \$75 for MU Students (A light lunch is included in the program fee)

Six contact hours will be awarded by *The Center for Professional Development in Nursing and Health*.

June 23 - *Substitute School Nurse Workshop*

Time: 10:00am - 2:30pm

Place: The Club, Magill Commons

Fee: \$70 (A light lunch is included in the program fee)

Four contact hours will be awarded by *The Center for Professional Development in Nursing and Health*.

August 26 - *Writing Research Papers/APA Style*

Time: 3:00 - 6:00pm

Place: McAllan Hall, Room 226

Fee: \$45 / \$35 for MU Students

This program will provide 3 professional development hours.

September 7 - *Classes Begin*

The Center for Professional Development in Nursing and Health is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the NJSNA, an accredited approver, by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Provider number: P242-4/09-12.

For more information or to register online visit our website:

www.monmouth.edu/academics/schools/nursing/continuing_programs.asp.

You may register by phone with a credit card 732-571-3443.

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