“Four things come not back—the spoken word, the sped arrow, time past, and the neglected opportunity.” Arabian Proverb

From the Dean’s Desk -
Marilyn M. Lauria, R.N., Ed.D.

After 11 years as Dean (and 33 newsletters), I come to my final column. In the Fall issue you will be hearing from the new Dean of the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies. My 28 years at Monmouth University have been filled with many exciting and challenging events. I am very proud of all that we have accomplished together. The Nursing and Health Studies programs are thriving: the RN to MSN Direct is off to a successful start. Plans are underway for a Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) to be started in Fall 2011. Discussions are also underway for a variety of new and collaborative ventures.

The faculty have grown from 3 in 1981 to 16 today (plus a Special Projects Coordinator, Administrative Assistant and School Secretary). Graduates of the school continue to distinguish themselves in providing quality healthcare to our state and local community. I expect that the School will continue to grow and to expand its impact on the region’s healthcare in the future.

I want to thank all of you for your support and friendship over these many years. This has truly been a group effort and is a testament to what nurses can accomplish when we work together. I wish all of you continued growth, learning and joy in your personal as well as professional lives. Please keep in touch and let me know of your milestones and achievements. I can continue to be reached by email at lauria@monmouth.edu. I will miss Monmouth University and all of you, but I am excited to begin a new (and hopefully more relaxed) phase of my life. I wish you well. Take care.

Photo: Dean Marilyn Lauria and Associate Dean Janet Mahoney May, 00

The School of Nursing and Health Studies has been selected to participate in the RWJF New Jersey Nursing Scholars program. Major scholarship awards are available for new Graduate Scholars in Nursing Education – see page 7.
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Alissa Allen  Patricia Pavlak D
Doreen Clark  Judith Melillo
Sharron Kelly Griffith  Jean Venittelli

Master of Science in Nursing

Patricia Adams  Deborah Bisogna  Jill Guy
Esther Adekunle  Jessica Butrico  Alana Harris
Weddy Balmaceda  Claire Cerame  Jan Herbst
Elizabeth Bauer  Caroline Cunniff  Barbara Protasenia
Phyllis Begyn  Mary DeSane  Emily Romkey
Katherine Hoos  Annemarie Manfredi  Dawn Peterson
Janet Kanaley  Elizabeth McKeveitt  Marguerite Phillips
Nicole Keegan  Georgina Muth-Maurelli  Barbara Schambach
Andrea Krasno  Kathleen Napoliton  Angela Suvarna
Laura Jannone  Betty Nixon  Deborah Trusheim
Joann Lane  Irene Papania  Jauri Wheelock
Gail Lombardo  Janette Parsons  Erika Whetzel
Erica Lopresti  Cathy Pelican

School Nursing Certificate

Maureen Dolan  Karen Kahn
Donna Fitzpatrick  Laura Lux
Heather Harding  Fiona Morgan-Newbury
Sally Isaacs  Deborah Nazzarro
Jill Tourtual
Awards and Recognition ~ School of Nursing

**Weddy Balmaceda (MSN '09)** – Received the Academic Excellence Award from the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies.

**Mary Carlsson (MSN Student)** – Received the School Nursing Scholarship from the Monmouth County School Nurse Association.

**Doreen Clark (BSN '09)** – Received the Academic Excellence Award from the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies.

**Tara Heagele (MSN student)** - received the Lucille Joel Scholarship from the Institute for Nursing.

**Janet Kanaley (MSN '09)** – Received the Academic Excellence Award from the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies.

**Jill Guy (MSN '09)** – Received the Service/Leadership Award from the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies.

**Patti Lucarelli (RN, MSN, CPNP, APRN-BC)** - Received the Preceptor of the Year Award from the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies.

**Erin Rooney (MSN student)** – Received Meridian Health Jean Marshall Scholarship from the Institute for Nursing.

**Patricia Vaccarelli (MSN student)** – Received the MSN in School Nursing Scholarship from the Monmouth County School Nurse Association.

**Courtney Wood (RN-MSN Direct student)** - received the Somerset VNA Scholarship Award.

Alumni Accomplishments

**Lolita Jacob (MSN '02)** – Has earned a Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP) January, 2009 from UMDNJ. Her study was on "The Experience of Transition in Patients with Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter "PICC" for Home Antibiotic Therapy".
Submitted by- Dr. Jim Konopack

Senior Seminar (HE-485) is the capstone course in the Health Studies Major and meets the Experiential Learning (aka Experiential Education) requirement for graduation. In their final semester before graduating from MU, students locate and secure their own placements in health-related organizations, keep a journal of their placement activities, and design their own learning objectives in partnership with their site supervisors and the course instructor.

This Spring was the third semester in which HE-485 has been offered since the HE major began in the 2007-2008 academic year. These students put their knowledge and skills into action at a number of interesting placement sites such as training clients and developing managerial skills in the corporate fitness industry; designing and promoting drug awareness activities for a health department; shadowing a healthcare provider; processing insurance and medical records for a visiting physician service; providing continuing care and life skills education to people with HIV/AIDS; conducting a balance-enhancement class to reduce falls in older adults; planning activities and meals with older adults at a local senior center; assisting with office management and medical tests at a health center; volunteering in the Emergency Room at a regional hospital; coaching aspiring young athletes at a basketball academy; and rehabilitating elite athletes who have suffered injuries.

Chris Jackson from the 09 graduating class followed a Nurse Practitioner in a cardiology practice. He said that this experience allowed him to build on the knowledge that he had gained through his course work in health studies. Jackson commented, “I was exposed to a lot of special cases and what I saw in practice will help me as I continue my education.” He is currently enrolled and attending the facilitated Academic Course Work Track (FACT) at Thomas Jefferson School of Nursing. This program will lead to an MSN in Nursing.
Congratulations to the graduates!

Bachelor of Science in Health Studies ~ 2009

Jessica Adamko
Paul Bottiglieri
Rachel Bumbera
Tyler Burnett
Wania Concepcion
Francesca DiPaola
Joseph Donlon
Marion Easley
Ayodele Falae
Rachel Ferdinand
Kathleen Fitzpatrick
Tara Hayes
Kileen Jackson
Kristopher Jackson
Marbely Montas
Shani Muhammad
Lonzell Neal
Hoaiuyen Nguyen
Ashley Pappalardo
Kayla Ryan

Awards and Recognition ~ Health Studies

Jessica Adamko (BS ’09) - Received the Leadership Award from the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies.

Kathleen Fitzpatrick (BS ’09) – earned a certificate in Gerontology Studies from Monmouth University.

Kileen Jackson (BS ’09) – Received the Academic Excellence Award and earned a certificate in Gerontology Studies from Monmouth University.

Kristopher Jackson (BS’09) – Received the Leadership Award from the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies. He also received an award from the Writing Center for commitment, dedication and excellence in tutoring.
Lambda Delta successfully held their 19th Annual Research and Poster Presentation. The lecture delivered by the keynote speaker, Dr. Dula Pacquiao, was greatly appreciated by the participants. Two nursing research grants of $500.00 each were awarded to Glenda Fulo, BSN, RN, BC and Rosalie Grantosa, DNP, MBA, MSN, RN, CCRN.

Twenty-eight posters were displayed, viewed and judged. Three posters were selected and awarded as first, second and third place. Recipients of the Poster Presentation Awards were as follows:

- **1st Place** - Perceived Exercise Benefits and Barriers in Middle-Aged Women by Diane Strickland and Katherine Molzon
- **2nd Place** - Coping with a Stroke: A Qualitative Study by Nimfa Baya Howard and Renie Ebreo
- **3rd Place** - The Experience of Coping in a Spouse of an Alcohol Abuser by Andrea Krasno and Irene Papania

Congratulations to the following individuals who were inducted into the Lambda Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau ~ May 16, 2009

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Nurse Leaders: Jennifer Gironda and Glenda Fulo

The Lambda Delta Chapter honors the following award recipients for the 2008-09 year.

- **Chat Conde** – Received the Janice Marchetti Leadership Award.
- **Linda DeNicola** – Received the Hannelore Sweetwood Mentorship Award.
- **Ellen Angelo** – Received the Dean Marilyn Lauria Scholarship.
- **Tara Heagele** – Received the Dr. Carolyn Zagury Scholarship.
- **Karen Lapenta**, Assistant to the Dean - was given a special award - Friend of Nursing.
The School of Nursing has been selected to participate in the New Jersey Initiative Faculty Preparation Program which is a scholarship program designed to help qualified applicants earn Master of Science degrees in clinical nursing specialties, with additional preparation in education. Its goal is to support students who study to become full-time nurse faculty members in New Jersey based pre-license nursing programs.

We are seeking strong candidates to participate as members of a full-time cohort of study leasing to an MSN in education. There are numerous benefits to becoming a Robert Wood Foundation Nursing Scholar.

**The Scholarship includes:**

- Full tuition and fees for the full-time MSN in Nursing Education program
- A $50,000. a year stipend for two years, to cover living expenses
- A laptop computer
- Socialization and peer mentorship opportunities

**To be eligible you must:**

- Meet the admission requirements, be accepted and enrolled as a full-time MSN student in the Nursing Education program.
- Be a United States citizen or permanent resident.
- Commit to serve as faculty in a New Jersey based pre-licensure nursing program for the first three years after graduation.
- An application and essay are required.

For more information visit the website [http://www.monmouth.edu/academics/schools/nursing/default.asp](http://www.monmouth.edu/academics/schools/nursing/default.asp)

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**Save the date - Monday, July 13, 2009**

**Vaccine Preventable Diseases: Evidence and Strategies to Protect our Communities.**

- This one day conference will be held at 3 locations in NJ - Montclair State, Cumberland County and Monmouth University.
- Registration will be available at the New Jersey Learning Management Network ([https://njlmn.rutgers.edu](https://njlmn.rutgers.edu)).
- For More information call Juana Canelaju at canelaju@umdnj.edu or call 732 235 4958

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Faculty and alumni milestones will appear in the next newsletter. We would like to hear from you and include your “milestones”. If you are a School of Nursing or Health Studies Alumni, please drop us a line. We are fishing for news. [bpaskewi@monmouth.edu](mailto:bpaskewi@monmouth.edu).
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The Center for Professional Development in Nursing and Health
Spring and summer continuing education and professional development!

**Substitute School Nurse Workshop**
- **Date:** Tuesday, June 23
- **Time:** 10:00am - 2:30pm
- **Place:** The Club, Magill Commons
- **Fee:** $65 (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.

**Adolescent Substance Use and Abuse: Prevention, Education, Identification and Intervention**
- **Date:** Tuesday, July 7
- **Time:** 9:00am - 4:00pm
- **Place:** Club Room, 107 and 108
- **Fee:** $98

This program will provide 6 contact hours for nurses, 6 professional development hours for school professionals and 6 Clinical CEUs for social work.

**Are You Searching for Answers? Simplifying Computer Databases and Search Engines**
- **Date:** Monday, July 13
- **Time:** 2:00 - 5:00pm
- **Place:** McAllan Hall, room 226
- **Fee:** $45 / $35 (MU Students)

Three professional development hours (NJ Department of Education) will be awarded.

**Writing Research Papers/APA Style**
- **Date:** Wednesday, August 5
- **Time:** 5:30 - 8:30pm
- **Place:** McAllan Hall, room 226
- **Fee:** $45 / $35 (MU Students)

Three professional development hours (NJ Department of Education) will be awarded.

**Pediatric Physical Assessment**
- **Date:** Friday, August 7
- **Time:** 9:00am-3:30pm
- **Place:** McAllan Hall, room 328
- **Fee:** $90.00

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

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

**Registration information** — call the School of Nursing for a flyer or if you wish to pay by credit card 732-571-3443 or register online at www.monmouth.edu/academics/schools/nursing/continuing_programs.asp