From the Desk of

Dean Janet Mahoney

Greetings. On behalf of the faculty and staff of the School of Nursing and Health Studies, I extend congratulations to all the graduates. This year, we will remember graduation day, May 22, 2013 as Monmouth University’s first Doctoral Degrees were awarded to graduates from the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies. It was an honor to watch seven students take the stage and receive their Doctoral hoods. This ceremony, which took only minutes to complete, was years in the making and is a noteworthy accomplishment for the University, School, and the Graduates! The commencement ceremony at the PNC Arts Center was filled to capacity with family, friends, and the Monmouth University community. The sky was heavy but spirits were high.

This summer, President Paul G. Gaffney II will retire after serving the Monmouth University community for 10 years. During his tenure, the University and the School of Nursing and Health Studies have seen tremendous growth and change. President Gaffney often closed a speech or a letter to the campus community asking that we “take care of each other.” As health professionals, this is second nature, but these simple words set the tone for the University. They also grew in significance as the campus became a shelter for hundreds who were displaced by the storm of the century this past October. We wish President Gaffney the very best and hope that Monmouth University will always serve as his safe harbor.

To provide an update on the happenings of the School, the Doctor of Nursing Practice program received accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. This May, we also welcomed the 3rd cohort of Doctoral students. The Department of Health and Physical Education continues to be a popular major with over 400 students. The Department conducted a successful self-study evaluation this Spring. Presently, the School of Nursing and Health Studies is taking steps to increase interprofessional education and collaboration. This is evidenced with the undertaking of both a generic BSN program and a graduate Physician Assistant program both targeted to begin in Fall 2014.

Our Center for Professional Development in Nursing and Health continues to offer a variety of classes for nurses and healthcare providers. Upcoming programs include a “NP Boot Camp” and a professional development program funded by the Independent College of New Jersey, called “Strategies for Success—Teaching in Nursing and Health.”

Wishing you all a safe and happy summer. Keep in touch. We like to hear from our friends and alumni.
On October 24, 2012, Dr. Mahoney received the Diva award from the Institute for Nursing, the Foundation for the New Jersey State Nurses Association. This award honors nurses who have made a significant contribution to the nursing profession in NJ. Dean Mahoney started her nursing career at St. Mary Hospital School of Nursing in Hoboken, received a BSN from Monmouth University, a MSN from Seton Hall University, and a Ph.D. from New York University. She is credentialed through ANCC as an Advanced Practice Nurse and has Executive Nurse Advanced certification.

Well deserving of this award, Dean Mahoney maintains an open-door policy and is considered an advocate for students and faculty alike. She embraces change and has led the School in many initiatives, such as the establishment of the first doctoral program at Monmouth University. The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program prepares nurses at the highest level of nursing practice to be leaders in applying research to practice and to advance nursing practice. She was instrumental in expanding a Health Studies minor to become a bachelor’s degree for students to major in Health Studies or Health Studies with Physical Education. A generic BSN program is now in the planning stages. She has been instrumental in fostering an inter-professional component at the School, with the addition of a Physician Assistant program.

Dr. Mahoney serves as the Co-Director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation/New Jersey Nursing Institute grant. This grant supported nurses to become future nursing faculty. She serves on the Board of Trustees for the Visiting Nurse Association Health Group in Red Bank and is on the Advisory Board at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital in Tinton Falls. She is a proud member of the New Jersey State Nurses Association and has served as Monmouth County Chairperson for NJSNA Region 6. She has received numerous awards over the years, including the Janice Marchette Leadership Award from the Nursing Honor Society - Lambda Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, International.

Deb Ewtushek joined the School of Nursing and Health Studies in November 2012, as Director of Clinical Placement. In addition to her work for the School, she is a school nurse in the Point Pleasant Boro School District. Deb has earned two Master’s Degrees, an MS in School Health Education from New Jersey City University and an MSN from Monmouth University. She has extensive experience as a Clinical Nurse Educator. When you meet her you quickly learn that she has a strong passion for supporting students in their academic endeavors. She owns a company called Rx for Success, an on-line tutoring service for students in the health care field and has also developed a curriculum on Medication Calculations and Medication Administration and Safety. Deb is Co-Advisor for the Monmouth University Professional Nurses Association. Both the students and faculty have appreciated the contribution she has made to the School of Nursing and Health Studies.

During her spare time, she loves sports, especially golf. Happily married for 36 years, she has two sons and a Golden Retriever named Annie. When not working at the University, or playing sports, you may find Deb and her husband working on jigsaw puzzles or attending Broadway plays.
Welcome - Colleen Manzetti, DNP, RN, CNE

Coleen Manzetti joined the School of Nursing and Health Studies for the Fall 2012 Semester as an Assistant Professor. She comes to MU from Ocean County College where she worked as the Interim Dean of Nursing. She has a Master’s of Science in Nursing from MU and received a Doctorate of Nursing Practice from Sanford University. Her doctoral research focused on the value of collaboration in nursing education; sharing simulation resources. She has been working as nurse educator since 2005 and is credentialed as a Certified Nurse Educator by the National League of Nursing.

Dr. Manzetti has extensive experience working in managed care for Fortune 500 insurance companies. In addition to teaching, she provides consultation to attorneys and insurance companies focusing on life care planning for those with catastrophic injuries and illnesses. Colleen has one son and lives in Ocean County with her husband and her pampered pooch, Maggie the Maltese. She loves the beach and enjoys summers at the shore.

Faculty Milestones


Tresa Dusaj, PhD(c), RN-BC, CNE - became certified as a CHSE, Certified Healthcare Simulation Educator and in Professional Development through the ANCC.

Christopher Hirschler, PhD, MCHES - for the third year in a row, led a team of Monmouth University students to deliver health education to schools in “Las Amigas” of Salud Y Paz in Guatemala. His video of this experience can be found on YouTube by searching ‘Hirschler Guatemala 2013’. He presented at the National Wellness Conference 2012, University of Wisconsin, on Creating YouTube Videos that Promote Wellness; the Conference of the North American Vegetarian Society, University of Pittsburgh, Advocacy, Social Media, and the Promotion of Plant-based Diets, 2012 and Compelling, Yet Little Known Reasons for Adopting a Plant-Based Diet, 2012.


Laura Jannone, EdD, RN NJ-CSN, FNASN - presented The Affordable Health Care Act what it Means for Children in our Care, and received the NJ State School Nurse Award from the NJ State School Nurses Association (NJSSNA) at its annual conference dinner held in March. She also published an article in the Star Ledger on School Nursing during Nurses Week (5/3/2013) “School Nurses perform a Specialized Role with Multifaceted Job Requirements.”
Laura Kelly, PhD, APN-BC - is co-director of the “The LGBT Older Adult Project,” a joint initiative between the School of Social Work and the School of Nursing and Health Studies. This initiative seeks to improve the quality of life of older LGBT adults through education, awareness programs, providing social activities for LGBT older adults, and advocacy through legislation. It accomplishes these goals through the provision of technical assistance and training opportunities. If you are interested in learning more about this project, please contact Dr. Kelly at lkelly@monmouth.edu.

Rose Knapp, DNP, RN, APN-C - presented Immunization Update for School Nurses, NJSSNA, 2013; The Emerging Role of the Acute Care Advanced Practice Nurse, Northern Chapter FNAP, 2013; Integrating EHRs into your practice: implications for improved patient outcomes, NJSNA FNAP, 2013; Medication Safety for the Older Adult, at the New York City Geriatric Consortium, 2013. Was a podium presenter on the legislative challenges to APN practice at the NJ Chapter of American College of Cardiology, May 2013. She served as a Chapter Reviewer of “Gerontology for the APN”, McGraw Hill and content expert for the ANCC’s review questions for the new Adult/Geriatric Exam and Webinar for new Adult Geriatric Acute NP Exam.

Rose Knapp, DNP, RN, APN-C, Sharon Stark, Ph.D., RN, APN-C and MaryAnn Troiano, DNP, RN, APN-C - presented a poster, An Innovative APN student clinical experience: A Memory Clinic Pilot Program, NONPF, 2013

Jim Konopack, PhD - presented a poster, Neurocognitive Consequences of Green Tea Consumption: A Systematic Review of the Literature, at the Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Diego, CA, Fall 2012.

Colleen Manzetti, DNP, RN, CNE, CNLCP - addressed the New Jersey State Senate regarding the Nursing Faculty Loan Redemption Program in November 2012.

Sue Polito, RN, MSN, ANP,C, GNP, C - received a Graduate Elder Law Certificate from the University of Toledo and was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Interdisciplinary Honor Society this spring.


Monmouth University Professional Nurses Association (MUPNA) Submitted by Karen Nugent, Past Vice-President

MUPNA hosted a Spring Social on February 11th. The event was well attended and provided an opportunity for students to relax and network. Marilyn Roy, President of Sigma Theta Tau - Lambda Delta, spoke about the Chapter and provided membership information to those interested. Following this meeting, an informative continuing education program, on organ donation was presented by MU Alumni, Patricia Pavlak, APN. The program, offered by The Center for Professional Development in Nursing and Health, was open to both students and community members.

On behalf of the (2012-2013) Executive Board (pictured to the left): Khalena Anselmo, Treasurer; Karen Nugent, Vice President; Lauren Papp, Secretary; and Marie Mupada, President, I extend a welcome to the incoming officers for (2013-2014) Jessica Doto, President; Melissa Maxted, Vice President; Keilynn Alicea, Treasurer; and Courtney Wood, Secretary. We wish the incoming officers much success. It is with mixed emotions that we complete our course of studies at MU. The road to our masters’ degrees was exciting and challenging. Like migratory birds flying in a V formation, we have taken turns at the lead while supporting each other on the long, tough journey. While we are anxious to start a new chapter in our professional careers, we will miss the bonds we forged in the classroom. We are forever grateful to our professors and preceptors for sharing their knowledge and shaping our futures. We would also like to thank our families and friends for their unwavering patience, support and sacrifice.
Monmouth University Commencement - 2013
We applaud the effort and achievement of our graduates!

Outgoing President Paul G. Gaffney offered the commencement address at Monmouth University’s Graduation Ceremony, May 22, 2013. President Gaffney’s parting words to the graduates were fitting as he prepares to turn over the helm to Dr. Paul Brown, incoming President, “I wish you fair winds, a following sea, a tall ship, and a bright star to steer her by.”

Doctor of Nursing Practice - Seven from the School of Nursing were awarded the first doctoral degrees conferred from Monmouth University. What a distinction! In the photo on the left, appearing from left to right is Virginia Carreira, Renata Flaks, Gaye Madigan, Janette Parsons, Melissa Richardson, Barbara Scarano and Therese West.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing     Tammy Cammarata
Master of Science in Nursing

Khalena Anselmo       Kathryn Kumta       Melanie Parsell
Linda Ayala           Maya Levin            Charulata Patel
Kristen Beer          Kristy Maag           Allison Pianoforte
Robert Bishop         Jenifer McEwan        Krystin Prasad
Grace Brunner         Jacqueline McGovern    Kimberly Pratt
Marie Catalane        Dawn McGrogan         Rosario Sanchez
Suzette Catong        Kathleen McGuire      Kristen Snyder
Jacqueline Coughlin   Joanne Miller         Danielle Stropoli
Conrad Ehrig           Marie Mupada          Tetima Telewoda
Mary Ellen Engel       Stephanie Needham      Bhumika Thummar
Laurie Gama           Karen Nugent            Alda Valenzuela
Deepa Geo             Jessica O’Brien         Kimberly Vanesko
Beth Gough             Dara Ofner              Jennifer Vogt
Michele Halat         Irena Osipenko         Lorraine Zarillo

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2013 Graduate Awards

Marie Catalane (MSN ’13) - Received the MSN Academic Excellence Award
Karen Nugent (MSN ’13) - Received the MSN Leadership Award
Beth Gough (MSN ’13) - Received the MSN Service Award
Allison Pianoforte (MSN ’13) - Received the Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database Recognition Award
### Department of Nursing - Certificates

**Post Master’s Certificate - Nurse Practitioner**

Susan Beltran  Usha James  Jennifer Joiner  Marna Seitz

**Graduate School Nurse Certificates - NJ Department of Education (Standard Certificate)**

Therese Cahill  Joyce Cline-Blasi  Caroline Cascella  Lynn Evans  Donna Sichta

**Graduate School Nurse Certificates - NJ Department of Education (Non-Instructional Certificate)**

Karen Gordon  Melissa Jordon

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### Department of Health & Physical Education Class of 2013!

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Congratulations to the recipients of the 2013 Student Awards — Department of Health & Physical Education Academic Excellence.

Ashley McPeek - received the Academic Excellence Award in Health & Physical Education (with K-12 education endorsement)

Arielle Corrubia - received the Academic Excellence Award in Health Studies.

Vincent Petracco - received the Academic Excellence Award in Health and Physical Education.

National Health Education Honor Society -  Submitted by  Rebecca Van Dyke

Eta Sigma Gamma (ESG) the Health Education Honor Society, had a busy spring semester this year! The students took part in the Annual Health Fair by creating a healthy college cookbook that was given to Monmouth students. ESG also participated in Monmouth’s Relay for Life as a part of the Health and Physical Education team. The team raised money from donations and raffled off a full body massage at the event. Another significant event was the initiation of 14 new members, who needed to meet certain grade and participation requirements to join. All of these events were organized by President Vanessa Orbe and Co-Vice Presidents Michelle Mullins and Rebecca Van Dyke, all of whom are graduating seniors. ESG is proud to have achieved so much this semester and wish everyone a happy and safe summer.

The following students were inducted this Spring.

Jessica Calabro  Colleen Healy  Jennifer McHugh  Tara Tamburro
Danielle Doremus  Sapire Levi  Christina Nied  Stefania Tattoli
Alexa Ferreira  Rachel Levy  Rodolfo Roca  Brianna Wesley
Chapter members and friends volunteered on April 27th to help make the Wave of Action and the Clean Ocean Action’s 28th Annual Spring Beach Sweep a huge success. They joined the over 6,000 people who chose to help clean up the community beaches and their ecosystems affected by Hurricane Sandy.

A presence at MU’s gradation this year, members lined up in front of the STTI banner to have photos taken before the commencement.

The Spring Induction and Award Ceremony was held at Jumping Brook, Neptune, NJ, on January 12, 2013. Fiesta Clanton, Chapter President introduced the new board members. Two new officers were inducted: Vice President - Teresa Raskauskas and Treasurer - Marie Mupada.

The following individuals were inducted on January 12, 2013.

Virginia Carreira  
Suzette Catong  
Conrad Ehrig  
Deborah Ewtushek  
Ruby Gallipani  
Beth Gough  
Dara Ofner  
Jo Linderoth  
Jen Vogt

The Lambda Delta Chapter Awards - 2013 went to:
- Janice Marchetti Leadership Award: Marilyn Roy
- Hannalore Sweetwood Mentorship Award: Tresa Dusaj
- Dr. Carolyn Zagury Scholarship Award: Conrad Ehrig
- Dean Marilyn Lauria Scholarship Award: Beth Gough
- Friend of Nursing Award: Mary Rospos

Announcement: Mission Trip to Haiti – January 6-12, 2014
This will be the 4th year that members of the local nursing community (this is not a MU event) will be participating in a mission trip, partnering with the Foundation for Peace, in Haiti. Nurses and Nursing Students of all abilities are invited to participate. The cost is $700 and includes dorm style lodging, in-country transportation, all meals, bottled water, and security. Airfare is approximately $560 or current published rate. The trip is limited to 35 participants. For more information about this trip please contact terryraskauskas@me.com.

Third Annual Distinguished Lecture
The Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies was honored to have Patricia Barnett, as the speaker for the 3rd annual 2013 Distinguished Lecture on May 16, an event which highlights the work of an individual who has made a significant contribution to the practice of nursing. As in the past, this event was well attended and offered the School of Nursing an excellent opportunity to honor our graduating students and an chance to thank our preceptors for their support and professional services. Our guests enjoyed both the reception in the magnificent Pompeii room and gardens at Wilson Hall and the lecture that followed.

Pat Barnett, Chief Executive Officer, New Jersey State Nurses Association, is a nurse-attorney, with 30 years of experience, who has impacted health policy and access to care at the city, state, and federal levels. The title of her lecture was “Nursing Leadership: Looking Back and Looking Forward.” During her talk, she highlighted the work of individuals who have made a difference in nursing practice and spoke on the shifting roles and the importance of nursing leadership in the changing healthcare environment.