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Media Shines The Spotlight on SON

Elaine Steinke’s research seen by more than 1.7 million.
Also named a Wichita Business Journal Health Care Hero. Full story, page 2.

Pat Dwyer interviewed about sex and condoms. Full story, page 3.


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Steinke's research draws National and International Attention

Elaine Steinke, PhD, APRN, CNS-BC, FAHA, FAAN was chair of an American Heart Association (AHA) committee that released the statement, *Physicians Sexual Counseling for Individuals with Cardiovascular Disease and Their Partners* earlier this year. The statement was jointly published in the journals *Circulation* and the *European Heart Journal*, both high impact journals. Victoria Mosack PhD, RN, APRN, PMHCNS-BC was one of the statement’s co-authors.

The AHA Coverage report for this statement resulted in more than 1.7 million total media impressions, total hits of 272, while the European Society of Cardiology Coverage Report noted 530 articles resulted from the published statement with a Euro publicity value of 193,006. The extensive international coverage of this statement and other work provides clear evidence of the value of Dr. Steinke’s research and expertise.

Publicity from the news release included:

- Yahoo! News
- CBSnews.com
- CNN.com

Steinke Named a 2013 Health Care Hero

Since coming to WSU in 1990, Dr. Elaine Steinke’s research has had an enormous impact on cardiac care, which has brought increased visibility to the University. She also has a passion for fostering interest in the health care field in others, which is evident in her teaching. Such passion is one of the reasons Steinke recently received the healthcare educator award.

The Wichita Business Journal Health Care Heroes honors companies, individuals and organizations for their contributions to improving health care in Wichita and the surrounding area. This year, Dr. Elaine Steinke was awarded the health care educator award from the journal.

The Wichita Business Journal quoted Steinke when she talked about the sensitivity of her research, “Some people laugh because of embarrassment. ... You get past that with education."

She tells nurses and doctors: “If you were in that patient’s shoes, and you had a partner that you were in an intimate relationship with ... wouldn’t you want that information?"

In the article, Steinke was quoted “I tell people before I die I want to make sure that health care professionals have the resources and patients are getting information that they need,” she says. “I have a lot of work to do yet.”


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Stephanie Nicks wins Rodenberg Award

Every year the College of Health Professions awards a faculty member with the Rodenberg Award for Excellence in Teaching. It is given to a faculty member of the college who exemplifies excellence in teaching. **Stephanie Nicks, MSN, APRN-FNP** explained that she had been nominated before, so winning the award this year was quite an honor and surprise. She enjoys teaching and wants to see her students do well. “I love getting to see all of the different students and watching them go from limited knowledge to working and taking care of patients,” Nicks said.

Phyllis Fletcher

Honored as Bender of Twigs

The Bender of Twigs is given as a means of honoring employees for 25 years of service to Wichita State University. This year marks 25 years of service for **Phyllis Fletcher, MN, RN**.

At a ceremony held for Fletcher and other “Benders of Twigs”, Betty Smith-Campbell said Fletcher is highly respected and appreciated by faculty and students. Smith-Campbell also said that a faculty member outside nursing stated, “how grateful she was for Phyllis’s generosity of time and talents related to interprofessional activities.”

Fletcher has provided a wealth of service to the School of Nursing, WSU and the Wichita community.

KSN interviews Pat Dwyer

KSN TV news reporter Ashley Arnold interviewed **Pat Dwyer MSN, APRN, FNP-BC**, concerning a recent report that condom use among college students is down. The segment that aired on KSN ran about two minutes and featured Dwyer.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says condom use by students peaked at 60% a decade ago amid fears about HIV and AIDS, now 15 to 24 year olds account for half of all new sexually transmitted disease (STD) infections in the U.S.

During the interview, Dwyer said college age students think “Due to their invincibility, we can't get sick, we can't die - they don't think of STDs.” She continued, “Now they come in and want oral contraceptives because they don't want to get pregnant.”


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Close-Up Talk Radio and TV spotlights Dr. Barb Morrison, Janice M. Riordan Distinguished Professor in Maternal & Child Health

National Talk Radio interviewed Barbara Morrison, PhD, APRN, CNM, about her work with Kangaroo Care. Morrison says, “My scholarship and research endeavors continue to focus on the significance of Kangaroo (skin-to-skin) Care to breastfeeding, attachment, and newborn and mother psycho-neuro-endocrine development.”

In an 18-part series Morrison discusses at length her work with Kangaroo Care and the importance of skin to skin care. Radio talk show host, Jim Masters begins one segment by describing Morrison as “a wealth of information.”


Accelerated Nurses Pinned

Thirty students from the BSN accelerated class of 2013 received their WSU School of Nursing pins this summer. Director of the undergraduate program, Brandy Jackson, MSN, MBA, RN led the ceremony and recognized the work of the students. Students in the accelerated program completed the rigorous class work that normally takes two years, in just 13 months.

Phyllis Fletcher, MN, RN, presented awards to students who performed exceptionally well in the program. Nichole Pracht received the Outstanding Performance Award and Elizabeth Mansur received the highest Grade Point Average award.

Peggy Hernandez, EdD, APRN, PMHCNS-BC, CNE, a faculty member for the accelerated program, was selected by the graduating students as the keynote speaker. She delivered the address as a journey to the Caribbean Islands in which she made it personal for all the students, pointing out along the way the contributions each student had made to the class.

In closing, Jackson shared some guiding principles with the students and audience:
• Nursing is a service profession; keep this in your heart and mind always.
• Be a knowledge seeker; complacency breeds stagnation.
• Be a risk taker.

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Major Grant Benefits Students

Thanks to one of the largest grants in the School’s history, students who may have not been able to continue their education are able to do so. A two-year $692,576 grant from the US Department of Health & Human Services was awarded to Alicia Huckstadt PhD, APRN, FNP-BC, GNP-BC, FAANP, Professor and Director of Graduate Programs.

Dr. Huckstadt and the graduate program administrative specialist, Amy McClintock, manage the grant and hear the student awardees’ exclamations of appreciation and see their tears of gratitude when they receive their awards. These practitioner students are enrolled in rigorous graduate study in Master of Science in Nursing or Doctor of Nursing Practice degree programs.

The awards allow the students to continue their graduate studies and join the workforce more rapidly and encumbered by less debt. The awards are used for tuition, books, fees, and to reduce their living expenses. Gregory Onchoke, a recipient of the award said, “This grant has helped me be able to cut down on the amount of hours that I have to work and focus more on my studies.”

Twenty-six family and psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioners students are benefitting from the grant. The grant substantially benefits the health care needs in the state by preparing health care providers in primary care, rural or underserved areas/populations, or public health practice settings.

Onchoke said of the award, “It is one way that can attract more students to work in underserved areas here in the state of Kansas.”

Kansas Nurse Foundation Scholarships

Kaycee JoAnn Timken, MSN, RN & Alyssa Lynn Manning are both recipients of a Kansas Nurses Foundation-Wesley School of Nursing Alumni Scholarship.

Timken is enrolled in the RN-MSN program and will graduate with an APRN/ACNP (specialty) degree. Timken said she was surprised to win. “It was a huge blessing to me and my family.” She says she plans to use it to pay for the next two semesters of school.

Manning, who is a student in the accelerated program said, “The time I spent with patients gave me the experience I needed to apply for the scholarship and led to the avenue of my degree.”

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**SON Program Featured on AACN website**

Peggy Hernandez, EdD, APRN, PMHCNS-BC, CNE, was contacted by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and asked to write about a pilot program featured at the School of Nursing. Other faculty at the School who were key in the development were Debie Pile DNP, APRN, PCNS-BC, Susan Parsons PhD, RN and Veronica Ramos-Blanford MSN, WHNP-BC.

On the AACN website Hernandez explains the program, “The purpose of the pilot project was to provide on-site population-focused nursing services at community agencies not previously utilized as clinical sites for the Care of Populations course.” The article also detailed the experiences, “Clinical experiences were complemented by the didactic portion of the course which provided contextual knowledge to support the students’ field projects. Several guest speakers visited class including health department nurses and APRNs.”

Hernandez also wrote, “Accelerated students and experienced faculty worked closely together with faculty remaining on site to facilitate and troubleshoot as needed. These accelerated students required very little direct supervision. They brainstormed, reviewed literature, developed work groups, divided assignments, and ultimately performed at a high level that was not anticipated. Personal maturity and the strong work ethic for which accelerated students are known were likely contributing factors.”

Read the entire article at: http://www.aacn.nche.edu/public-health-nursing/curriculum-improvement/wsu#Uo1es7-azHl.mailto

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**STUDENT POSTERS**

Kimbra Johnson, DNP student, presented her poster, Does Primary Care Provider Advance Directive Education Influence Attitudes and Practice? at the Sigma Theta Tau International conference.

**GRANTS**

Susan Parsons, PhD, RN & Kathy Trilli, RDH, BSDH, ECPIII, (dental hygiene) have received a grant from Patterson Dental. It will be used to present collaborative oral health education and senior dental kits for older adults to WSU nursing and dental hygiene students.

**AWARDS**

Jolynn Dowling, MSN, APRN, NNP-BC, JBCLC was awarded $500 from the Riverside Health Foundation Development Fund. The funds will support a Point in Time Homeless Count CHP-IPE Service Learning Project for Sedgwick County in January, 2014.

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**Publications, Presentations and Posters**


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From the Chair

As you can see from our newsletter, it has been a busy & productive semester. Faculty continue to work on maintaining & updating the curriculum to incorporate evidence-based practice findings in the classroom and clinical areas; as well as implementing information from professional reports, including the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) updated accreditation requirements.

New data from AACN show that graduates of entry-level baccalaureate and master’s nursing programs are much more likely to have job offers at the time of graduation or soon after than are graduates from other fields. A national survey of deans and directors from U.S. nursing schools found that 59% of new BSN graduates had job offers at the time of graduation, which is substantially higher than the national average across all professions (29.3%). At four to six months after graduation, 89% of new BSN graduates had secured employment in nursing. This is consistent with our graduates.

We are working with our state education and practice partners as a member of the Kansas Action Coalition to implement the IOM Future of Nursing recommendations. This includes working with our ADN and BSN program colleagues in discussing the possibility of coming to consensus on required pre-requisites. A statewide meeting was hosted by our School in November. We continue to modify our programs to help nurses with academic progression at all levels. This includes moving to an all online format for our MSN to DNP program.

In our next newsletter, we will update you on changes to our online RN to BSN program. These changes will provide a value-added program for ADN nurses who want to expand their education credentials.

We know that there are bottlenecks to the production of new nurses. There are not enough faculty members to teach RN students. We continue to offer our MSN with a concentration in nursing education to help with this problem (scholarships are available for this program).

Finally, the SON recently approved a modified strategic plan, that is in alignment with a new and exciting WSU strategic plan. WSU has a vision to be internationally recognized as the model for applied learning and translational research. We plan to be an exemplar for this vision – so look for our goals and action plan in our next newsletter.

Betty Smith-Campbell, PhD, APRN-CNS Chair & Professor

Support the Kansas Action Coalition to implement the IOM future of Nursing Recommendations:
Take time to complete these RN survey’s:

1. Workforce survey
   https://sv.surveymonkey.com/s/KSRNSurvey

2. Leadership & Mentoring survey
   http://www.kansasactioncoalition.org/

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Alumni Honored at Breakfast Series, Gives SON credit for Success

School of Nursing alumni, Rae Lyn Mefford, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC was honored in November at the Alumni Breakfast Series. Mefford, who completed her degree in 2011, was selected for this honor for her work as a nationally certified family nurse practitioner and founder of Advanced Mobile Healthcare.

Mefford told the audience her story which included going from being bullied to being the bully, an eating disorder at the time she was a sophomore in high school and being pregnant during her junior year. Mefford also told how as an adult she struggled being on welfare and suffered through an abusive relationship.

“Looking back at those days, I would have never imagined myself becoming the person I am today,” said Mefford. She continued, “Nobody ever expected me to finish high school, yet let alone achieve a doctorate degree as well as being the owner of a rapidly growing business by the age of 40.”

Mefford, however, does not take all the credit. She says of the faculty at the SON, “Each and every one of them were true mentors with intentional investment in my success.”

Support the School of Nursing

Help make success stories like Rae Lyn Mefford’s possible by donating to the School of Nursing. The mission of the School is to improve the health of the community by inspiring change in health care through innovation and excellence in nursing education, scholarship, practice, and service. Your gift helps us live out our mission.

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