From the Chair

The School of Nursing is proud to announce that all programs have been granted CCNE accreditation for another ten years! Furthermore, all licensed programs were approved by the Board of Nursing for 10 years. I again want to thank faculty and staff for the enormous work and effort they did to accomplish this.

With a reputation for quality programs, the SON proudly celebrated the accomplishments of our 123 graduates this semester (84 undergraduate & 39 graduate). Our graduates continue to excel with NCLEX and National Certification exams pass rates at or above the national average. We are proud to report a 100% certification pass rate for Nurse Practitioner graduates who took the exam in the areas of Adult/Gero, Acute Care & Psychiatric/Mental Health.

Many of our faculty members continue to live out the SON mission by incorporating Interprofessional Education (IPE). Faculty and students participated in several IPE simulation events, building on areas of program specialties within the School and College departments. Examples included simulations on oral health needs, stroke patients and autistic children.

We celebrated National Nurses Week May 6-12, as nurses often do, providing services, including free blood pressure checks to students and faculty across campus. Funds were donated to the Backpack for Kid’s program—providing kid friendly nutritional foods that require no preparation for chronically hungry school children. We displayed our history with nursing artifacts in our building’s lobby, including glass syringes, nursing hats/pins, visiting nurse black bag and historic photos. We also just took time to celebrate together for lunch.

We continue to develop and modify our strategic plan. Our community partners—hospital nurse executives, community college director, and alumni representing each of our programs—provided valuable feedback this semester. Faculty and staff will meet prior to the fall semester to refine the SON program strategic plan and begin to build on the University’s strategic plan’s, new goals and mission “to be an essential educational, cultural, and economic driver for Kansas and the greater public good” (www.wichita.edu/wsustategy). Our nursing educational programs clearly provide graduates that are essential to the workforce and the health of Kansans. We look forward to incorporating the new goals in our strategic plan.

As you read the stories in the newsletter, you will see great exemplars of students, faculty and alumni meeting our Vision: INNOVATE INSPIRE EXCEL! Have a wonderful summer!

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

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The School of Nursing continued the time honored tradition of pinning nurses as this semester, 84 students received their pins. Of those students, 25 were RN-BSN students and 59 were BSN students. Along with the pinning, 37 MSN students were hooded and two students received post master certificates.

Chairperson Betty Smith-Campbell PhD, APRN-CNS, told undergraduates, “As soon to be registered nurses, you will become a part of a profession with a rich history that has changed the lives of individuals, families and society.”

Keynote speaker, Kathy Winslow, MSN, APRN-ACNP-BC, said “We need you now to deliver your healing touch, enhance education, promote prevention and advocate for the vulnerable. This work is sacred work. And this calling is a sacred calling. It is sometimes frustrating but always fascinating, sometimes exhausting but always exhilarating, never easy but always important.”

Awards were given to students who excelled in their program. The following students received awards for their efforts:

- Mindy Sullivan — Outstanding Clinical Performance
- Morgan Cooper — Highest Undergraduate GPA
- Cheilsa Benbrook — Highest Graduate GPA

Awards were also given to mentors. Russell Clark received the Outstanding Undergraduate Clinical Mentoring Award and Capt. Jennifer Varney received the Outstanding Graduate Clinical Mentoring Award.

Winslow reminded students, “Nurses are important. They know what they see and can learn to do anything needed by their patients. Call it a dream, but I believe with education and autonomy that nurses can solve most of the nation’s health problems. Now, here at Wichita State, my dream and yours — is coming true.”

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An Diep Nguyen, BSN student took 1st place in the Humanities/Social Science category at the Undergraduate Research & Creativity Forum. Her poster was, “Maternal Perception of Skin-to-skin Contact & Breastfeeding Practices before & after Provider Education & Implementation Initiative.” Dr. Barbara Morrison was her faculty advisor on this research project.

Diep will also be participating in an internship in Italy this summer. The Minority Health International Research Training Program (MHIRT) is funded by the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities National Institute of Health.

The requirements in the program are completion of a cultural immersion course and an introduction to international research course that is a hybrid of online assignments and practicum in a research project with a faculty member before going abroad. She is enrolled in two practicum courses abroad where she will be mentored by research faculty at La Sapienza University of Rome. The project she would like to focus on this summer is the association between diabetes and depression.

Nursing students attended the National Student Nurses Association 61st annual convention. Representing WSU were students Alisa Smith, Alexandria Hammork, Laura McGinty, Brieanne Epke, Abby Tedlock & Megan Janusz. Terri Core is the advisor for the Kansas Association of Nursing Students at WSU.

Ginny Smith, BSN-DNP student showcased her business plan, “Mother's Milk Home Lactation Services” at the Shocker Business Plan Competition. Smith competed as part of Dr. Karen Hayes’ class.

Maggie Ward, CNS student (left) and Kimbra Johson, FNP student (right) both gave presentations at the 9th annual Graduate Research & Scholarly Projects Symposium. Ward's oral presentation was: “Factors Affecting Quality of Life in Breast Cancer Survivors.” Dr. Elaine Steinke was her advisor. Johnson's poster was titled “Does Primary Care Provider Advance Directive Education Influence Attitudes & Practice?” Dr. Alicia Huckstadt was her advisor.
Jacquelyn McClendon, PhD., APRN, has been invited to join a select group of stakeholders in key national nursing organizations at the Second Invitational Summit for the “The Oral Health Nursing Education & Practice” (OHNEP) program, an innovative, interprofessional national oral health initiative.

Victoria Mosack, PhD, RN, APRN, PMHCNS-BC is one of the invited speakers on psychological aspects of sexual counseling of cardiac patients at the European Society of Congress. She also will present the poster, “Number of cardiac & noncardiac comorbidities predict sexual concerns” at the ESC Congress.

Susan Parsons, PhD, RN & Kathryn Trilli, (Dental Hygiene) had their proposal from Patterson Dental approved for an IPE project to train students in the use of oral health care kits to meet the needs of older adults.

Debbie Pile, DNP, APRN, PCNS-BC presented her poster, “If Education was all it took, I would be THIN!” at the Society of Pediatric Nurses. She also had her article, “Emerging Therapies in Pediatric Pain Management” published in the Journal of Infusion Nursing. Both were co-authored with Dr. Wendy Mosiman (WSU DNP).

Elaine Steinke, PhD, APRN, CNS-BC, FAHA, FAAN, has been asked to speak at the Heart Failure Society of America. She was an invited moderator for a similar session at the American Heart Association. She also received support for the Clifford Wayne Gaulter Memorial Fund to evaluate an online evidence-based sexual counseling intervention for nurses to use with cardiac patients.

School of Nursing Faculty Participate in the Second Annual CHP Interprofessional Education Celebration

SON Faculty, Phyllis Fletcher and Pat Dwyer participate in a simulation to demonstrate how IPE works in real life situations.

SON faculty member, Barbara Morrison explains her poster to an audience member.

SON faculty teamed with members of other departments in the CHP to participate in IPE activities.

Terri Core’s poster along with others were on display for attendees to view and ask questions.

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Ashely Herman, a student in Pamela Martin’s Nursing Leadership Class, invited and introduced Jeff Korsmo, President and CEO of Via Christi Health to speak to nursing students.

Korsmo told students, “You are the heart and soul of healthcare.” In his presentation, he discussed how Via Christi will employ the Institute of Healthcare Improvement’s Triple Aim to: 1) improve the patient experience of care; 2) improve population health; and 3) decrease per capita costs.

“We talk too much about the episodic measure” and that there should be more focus on improving the health of populations. Korsmo said he wants “The best care, for the whole population at the lowest cost.”

Korsmo pointed out the among the developed nations, the U.S. has the highest cost on both a per capita and a percentage of the GDP basis, yet has the lowest life expectancy at birth. He added, “We pay more than anybody else and live the least longest.”

The presentation ended with a question and answer session in which students were able to ask Korsmo questions.
Phyllis Jacobson Retires

At a reception held in her honor, colleagues, friends and family thanked Phyllis Jacobs for more than 20 years of service and leadership.

She and her spouse Lou, created the Jacobs Scholars Program Fund. Funds will be used to encourage and support outstanding graduates of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at WSU to enter and complete the Doctor of Nursing Practice program.

Betty Smith-Campbell, School of Nursing chairperson said, “This will be a great loss for the School of Nursing, but she will not be forgotten and her legacy will live on with the establishment of the Jacobs Scholars’ Program Fund.”

Jacobs earned her BSN from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1965. She received her MSN with a major in psychiatric/mental health nursing and a minor in education from Washington University in St. Louis.

She has taught mental health nursing during her entire time at Wichita State. She has also taught courses on self-care, loss, adult development and cooperative education. She was Director of the Undergraduate Nursing Program from 1999-2010.

Jacobs says, “The favorite part of my job is seeing students who come into the Mental Health Nursing Care course fearful of what patients may be like and what the clinical experience will be like, and by the end of the course, they are very comfortable with patients and understand that they will care for patients with a mental illness in whatever area of nursing they work in.”

She encourages nursing students to look at the big picture. “When caring for a patient, don’t just think about their specific diagnosis, but think about their emotional health, their family, their community of origin, the community to which they are returning. Never forget to show compassion to all patients.”

Jacobs looks forward to re-learning how to play the piano, and learning how to speak Spanish. She plans on spending more time in Colorado, “hiking, relaxing and enjoying the wonders of nature.” She and her husband plan to move back to the Chicago area to be nearer to their two grandsons.
EXCEL: Alumni make our community better

Matt French, MSN-RN is Director of Nursing Integration at Via Christi Hospitals, Wichita. He earned his degree in nursing at WSU and credits his success to the School of Nursing’s faculty and commitment to students.

“For me it’s the ability to think critically. I used that in the beginning when I was a nurse, those skill sets have helped me in what I do today,” said French.

Today, French has “the wonderful opportunity to work with executive leaders and front line leaders as we look at ways to advance and sustain the professional practice of nursing.”

“When I moved into management, I saw myself as the nurse who takes care of the nurses,” Said French. He says he positively influences nursing leaders by empowering them and making sure they have the tools to positively influence the people they interact with each and every day.

He said Via Christi has created a transition from top down to a structure that empowers the bed side nurse to influence clinical care. “At Via Christi, the big projects we are working on is the journey to magnet status. One of the key concepts is staff ownership of nursing outcomes and satisfaction.”

French believes in shared decision making. “We feel someone else may know better – the people at the frontlines know and we need to listen to them.”

“Students in this day and age,” says French, “need to integrate what they are learning in class with what they are doing on the bedside, Real life moment to moment will make you successful.”

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Help make success stories like Matt French’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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