BSN Student Inducted into USM Hall of Fame

Torrel Brides, Senior Nursing Student and President of The Legacy Southern Miss, was inducted into the University of Southern Mississippi’s Student Hall of Fame at the University’s Founder’s Day celebration, on March 27th. The Hall of Fame honors, recognized as the highest distinction a Southern Miss student can receive, will be deemed to eight students. These students contribute high scholastic achievement, leadership, campus involvement and create a meaningful impact on the quality of life at the university.

We are extremely proud of Torrel and his accomplishments with the University and our College! To finish off his work here, he will be traveling to Anaheim, CA to present at the Research on Chronic Hidden Disease Symposium at the 45th Annual National Nephrology Nurses Association. Thank you for all you do to make Southern Miss and the College of Nursing a better place, Torrel!
SNA Members Attend National Convention

The National Student Nurses’ Association (NSNA) 62nd Annual Convention was held at Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, TN on April 9-13, 2014. The CoN was represented Jason Giangrosso, Heather Mosser, Cuong Ngo, and Chelsea Barnett. Mrs. Mary Hossley, advisor of SNA, would like to thank them and the rest of the SNA members for all that they do to represent the College of Nursing.

USM Faculty Attend 3rd Annual DNP Institute

On March 21, Dr. Lisa Green, Dr. Cathy Hughes, Dr. Becky Newton, and Dr. Anita Boykins attended the the 3rd Annual DNP Institute hosted by Delta State University Robert E. Smith School of Nursing in Cleveland MS. Mississippi Educational Consortium for the Doctorate of Nursing Practice sponsored this meeting focusing on incorporating technology into Academics and Practice. Current DNP students and USM DNP program alumni were also in attendance.
The Southern Miss College of Nursing admitted the fifth cohort of students into the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program this academic year, 2013-2014. Current DNP students and graduates of the DNP program are disseminating scholarly work and assuming leadership positions in healthcare, academic, and nursing organization settings. The College of Nursing would like to celebrate the accomplishments of our DNP students and graduates.

**Dr. Rolanda Pace** has had publications this year in *Clinical Scholars Review, The Journal of Doctoral Nursing Practice* and *The Journal of Psychosocial Nursing and Mental Health Services*. Both publications were a result of her doctoral capstone project completed in the DNP program.

**Dr. Sharon Vincent** has a manuscript accepted for publication in *Clinical Scholars Review, The Journal of Doctoral Nursing Practice* and presented a poster of her doctoral capstone project at the Doctors of Nursing Practice conference in fall 2013. Dr. Vincent is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte School of Nursing.

**Dr. Abby McNeil** has a publication related to her doctoral capstone project in LAP LAMBERT Academic Publishing. She recently presented her doctoral capstone project on secondary traumatic stress in mental health professionals at a regional mental health center. Dr. McNeil is a Clinical Assistant Professor and Program Director of the Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program at USM College of Nursing.

**Dr. Josefina Alejandro** has implemented aspects of her doctoral capstone project in her Intensive Care Unit (ICU) practice setting at Keesler Medical Center. She delivered a virtual presentation at Philippine Women’s University grand reunion in fall 2013. Dr. Alejandro is also a consultant with the nursing school at Philippine Women’s University.

**Dr. Jaymie Heard** is President of the Southwest Council for Mississippi Hospital Associations Organization for Nurse Executives and was selected Nurse Leader of the Year 2013 for Mississippi Hospital Associations Organization for Nurse Executives. He also serves on the Nominations Committee for Mississippi Nurses Association. His poster presentation was awarded 1st place at the 2013 National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ) 38th Annual Education Conference. He was a panel presenter on nursing administration and advanced practice education at the 2013 Mississippi Student Nurses Association Annual Convention. Dr. Heard is Director of 3rd Floor Nursing at King’s Daughters Medical Center in Brookhaven, MS.

**Dr. Lynn Langley** is Director of Advanced Practice for Mississippi Board of Nursing (MSBN) and is currently serving as Interim Executive Director of MSBN.

Sharon Catledge is a student in the DNP program and was recently elected as President of the Mississippi Board of Nursing.

**Latarsha Edwards** is a student in the DNP program and recently assumed a position as Director of Gero-Psychiatry at Parkview Hospital in Mexia, Texas.

**Arlen Cooper** is a student in the DNP program and the recipient of a scholarship from the Jonas Nursing Leader Scholar Program 2012 – 2014 awarded by the Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence and American Association of Colleges of Nursing. Her doctoral capstone and Jonas Scholar project addresses one of the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health report. She delivered an oral presentation related to doctoral capstone project at the 2013 American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA) Mississippi Chapter conference. Ms. Cooper has attended the Jonas Scholar Leadership national conferences on leadership and policy expertise development where she also presented her project proposal.

We have three students that completed the DNP program and will graduate this May.

**Gloria Green-Morris**
Capstone: *An Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Providing Foot Care Education in a Rural Clinic Setting*

**Shonda Williams**
Capstone: *Promoting Behavior Changes in Patients with Diabetes through Shared Medical Appointments*

**Larry Stowers**
Capstone: *Bridging the Gap: Understanding, Anticipating, and Responding to the Needs of Student Veterans in a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program*
**Gulf Coast Campus Recognized as ‘Fit Friendly Worksite’**

The Gulf Coast campus was recognized as a ‘Fit Friendly Worksite’ by the American Heart Association on April 2nd. This award was accepted by Dr. Lucas. In addition to the award, the Gulf Coast campus also celebrated “National Walking Day”. A one-mile (mini) heart walk took place after the presentation of the award. The Friendship Oak was the starting point of the walk and the participants walked a mile around the campus. The College of Nursing was represented by Dr. Holman and her senior students.

**NAP Student Becomes US Citizen**

On March 26, 2014 Ruoyun “Mason” Zhao officially became an United States citizen. The Nurse Anesthesia Program celebrated to honor him. Congratulations Mason!

**Faculty and Staff Attend Convention in Vicksburg**

On March 27th, Dr. Kathy Masters, Dr. Lisa Green, Dr. Mary Coyne, and Bradford Carr had a busy and hopefully productive recruitment session at the Mississippi Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (MOADN) Annual Convention in Vicksburg, MS. Hundreds of A.D.N. nursing students spoke with us about the Southern Miss Pathway, RN-BSN and RN-MSN programs. It was a great event and we hope to see many of these students enroll in our programs in the near future.
Save the Date: College of Nursing Recognition Ceremonies May 7th and 8th

Please join us as we recognize our Spring 2014 Class of Graduates! The Gulf Coast campus will host its events, Wednesday, May 7th, with a reception starting at 4:00 PM at the Fleming Education Center, followed by the Recognition Ceremony at 6:00 PM. The Hattiesburg campus will begin its festivities on Thursday, May 8th, with a reception beginning at 3:30 PM held at the Trent Lott Center, followed by the Recognition Ceremony beginning at 6:00 PM in Bennett Auditorium.

Gulf Coast Student’s Receive Awards

Connie Coletta
“Who’s Who Recognition”

Thomas Oliver
“Outstanding Senior Award”