As we close out this fall semester, I wanted to reflect on some of the happenings in the College of Nursing. This semester began with the news the university was developing a process of aligning expenditures with revenue as a result of declining student enrollment. The College of Nursing was able to realign expenditures for this semester without impacting adversely faculty, staff, or students.

On a brighter note, the construction of the new College of Nursing, Asbury Hall is progressing. It is anticipated that when we return for the spring semester that the foundation for the third floor of the building, will be complete. It is exciting to watch the progress.

There were multiple student and faculty accomplishments during the year that are recorded in our past newsletters. Last week we celebrated the academic accomplishments of our doctoral, masters, and baccalaureate graduates with CON recognition ceremony and reception. What a perfect end to the semester. Happy Holidays to all.
Dr. Sheila Davis, Professor and Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, was re-elected to the Southern Nursing Research Society Board of Directors as Member at Large and Director of Research Interest Groups. Her new term of office will start at the close of the annual conference in Tampa, FL on Saturday, February 28, 2015 and continue through the 2017 annual conference.

Dr. Sandra Bishop, Associate Dean of the College of Nursing for the Gulf Coast is leaving Southern Miss for retirement/adjunct work in December. A very well attended appreciation and farewell party was held in the new Gulf Park Campus Nursing Building. The Department Faculty thanks Dr. Bishop for devoted service to the Department and College.

Associate Professors Dr. Patsy Anderson and Dr. Karen Rich presented a peer reviewed scholarly paper titled “Teaching the Next Generation: Giving Them the Best Value for Their Money” at the Southern Regional Education Board Conference in Atlanta, Georgia on November 11, 2014.

Dr. Sat Ananda Hayden, Assistant Professor, submitted a research grant titled “Can Cultural Theory Analysis Explain Nursing Policy Failure” to Sigma Theta Tau International on December 1, 2014. We wish her luck with funding of this worthy project. Dr. Hayden’s presentation entitled, “Digital Storytelling as Reflective Practice” has been accepted as a podium presentation at the Conference on Meaningful Living and Learning in a Digital World 2015.

Dr. Lachel Story, Assistant Professor, presented a poster titled “Evaluating Community Health Advisor (CHA) Core Competencies: The CHA Core Competency Retrospective Pre/Port-Test (CCCRP)” at the American Public Health Association on November 16 in New Orleans, LA.
Nurses Among \textit{Time Magazine} Person of the Year

Time Magazine announced that the nurses, physicians, and other healthcare workers called “The Ebola Fighters” were named the 2014 Person of the Year. In explaining the magazine’s choice for this year’s honoree, the editors stated:

“Ebola is a war, and a warning. The global health system is nowhere close to strong enough to keep us safe from infectious disease, and “us” means everyone, not just those in faraway places where this is one threat among many that claim lives every day. The rest of the world can sleep at night because a group of men and women are willing to stand and fight. For tireless acts of courage and mercy, for buying the world time to boost its defenses, for risking, for persisting, for sacrificing and saving, the Ebola fighters are TIME’s 2014 Person of the Year.”

One of our former BSN students Nikki Cannon is helping to fight Ebola. Nikki graduated one year ago and is working with an organization called “Partners in Health”. Nikki’s group is the fourth group to be sent, and she is the first Mississippian, and the youngest clinician. We are very proud of her, and wish her continued success.

Source: Trautman, Deb. \textit{The Ebola Fighters Named Time Magazine’s Person of the Year.} 10 Dec. 2014. E-mail.

College of Nursing Recognizes December 2014 Graduates

The College of Nursing recognized all of the December Class of 2014 graduates from the PhD, DNP, MSN, RN-BSN, and BSN programs for all of their hard work and accomplishments! A reception was held on the Hattiesburg campus for the students’ friends and families at the Trent Lott Center. The recognition and pinning ceremonies were held in Bennett Auditorium. Congratulations to all of our outstanding graduates!

Green Receives Notification for First Publication

Dr. Lisa Green receives notification for her first publication, "Finding Solutions Through Collaboration: A Dietitian and Nurse Attempt to Bridge A Gap," in the Journal of Wound, Ostomy and Continence. This article is the result of her DNP capstone project. Other authors include her committee members Drs. Kathleen Masters (chair) and D. Ratcliff (nutrition).

Rayborn’s Abstract Accepted for Conference in Seoul Korea

Dr. Michong Rayborn’s abstract has been accepted at the International Council of Nurses Conference in Seoul in June for a podium presentation. Her presentation is entitled, "Nurse Anesthesia Workforce In the Republic of Korea: Examining Future Possibilities." This trip has a dual purpose. While there, she is setting up for a study with Korean CRNAs.
College of Nursing Holiday Reception

Happy Holidays!