Dr. Newton and Dr. Hughes to Present at International Meeting

Dr. Rebecca Newton and Dr. Cathy Hughes will be presenting at the International meeting on Simulation in Healthcare. The presentation will be in association with several team members from the National Simulation Study as a podium presentation which will focus on the perspective of team members in planning and implementation of a multi-site simulation study.

Congratulations also go out to the other team members: Kathleen Masters, Jill Rushing, Elizabeth Holman and others who spent countless hours in making simulation a success for the College of Nursing.

Also, thanks to Dr. Nugent, Liz, and Xavier for your support and dedication!

(L-R) Dr. Cathy Hughes, Dr. Elizabeth Holman, Mrs. Jill Rushing, Dr. Kathleen Masters, and Dr. Rebecca Newton
The NAP students participated in an advanced airway workshop with Matt Scheer, Airway Management Representative from Karl Stoz-Endoskope.

In preparation for the clinical phase of the nurse anesthesia program, the NAP students demonstrated proper use and handling of the fiberoptic intubating scope and the video assisted laryngoscope equipment.

In addition to the advanced airway skills, the students also demonstrated basic airway management that included mask ventilation, direct oral and nasal intubations, laryngeal mask airway placements, and other alternative airway management techniques. Prior to beginning clinical the students will demonstrate patient positioning for various surgical procedures, anesthesia machine operation and checks, and the basic steps of the induction process.

Congratulations to Nurse Anesthesia Student, Sam Self, SRNA for being commissioned as 2nd Lt. in the United States Air Force.
**Dr. Tinnon to Present Abstract at Convention**

Dr. Elizabeth A. Tinnon abstract, "The Effectiveness of Simulation in an Undergraduate Nursing Pharmacology Course", has been selected for a Poster presentation at the 42nd Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Society’s Biennial Convention (November 16 — November 20, 2013). The presentations selected for this event are an excellent reflection of current nursing research and timely issues.

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**Dr. Pendergrass Attends National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculty Conference**

Dr. Michelle Pendergrass, director of the family nurse practitioner program, attended the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculty (NONPF) conference in Washington D.C. This special conference, NP Education Today, NP Education Tomorrow, engaged NP directors and faculty in national discourse of insights and challenges in providing quality NP education. Attendees were invited to give input for guiding future reviews of the national criteria that evaluates NP programs.

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**Dr. Davis Passes National Certification Exam**

Congratulations to Dr. Shelia Davis for passing her Family Nurse Practitioner National Certification examination!
Mississippi Speaker of the House Philip Gunn visits USM Gulf Park

The speaker visited the College of Nursing Gulf Park and toured the building. He met some of our student and also observed them getting instruction and practicing administering medication.
As the health care provider shortage continues to top the national agenda, it is important that the public be aware that there are more than 171,000 nurse practitioners (NPs) in the United States who provide high-quality, cost-effective, comprehensive, patient-centered care to patients across the country.

NPs are licensed, expert clinicians with advanced education (most have master’s and many have doctorate degrees) and extensive clinical preparation who provide primary, acute and specialty health care services.

In addition to providing a full range of services, NPs work as partners with their patients, guiding them to make educated health care decisions and healthy lifestyle choices. The confidence that patients have in NP delivered health care is evidenced by the more than 916 million visits made to NPs every year.

National Nurse Practitioner Week, November 10-16, 2013, is a time to celebrate these exceptional health care providers and to remind lawmakers of the importance of removing outdated barriers to practice so that NPs will be allowed to practice to the full extent of their experience and education. Nurse practitioners are informed, in touch and involved, making them the health care providers of choice for millions and a solution to the primary care crisis in America.

We salute all our former graduates and our current students in the GNP, PMHNP and FNP Programs at Southern Miss. Thank you for making a difference in the provision of quality healthcare in our state and region.

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Health Policy Students Welcome Special Guests

Students in the NSG 409 Health Policy, Leadership, and Economics class had recent visits from Ms. Sharon Catledge RN, FNP, newly elected President of the Mississippi Board of Nursing. She spoke to the students about the functions of the Board and the role of nurses on the Board of Nursing. In addition, Mrs. Rosalyn Howard, Executive Director of the Mississippi Nurses Foundation, shared facts about the Foundation and the role of nurses who serve on the Board of Trustees. The information was insightful and the students gained more knowledge about the various non-clinical nursing roles. The faculty of this course is Dr. Rowena W. Elliott.
Dr. Rebecca Newton uses her moulage skills on SimMan3G to simulate a burn victim for an interdisciplinary simulation, featuring Jill Rushing and Dr. Cathy Hughes with senior seminar nursing students in the College of Nursing and Teresa Walker-Cartwright and Dr. Jennifer Lemacks with nutrition and dietetic students in the Nutrition and Food Systems department.

The nursing and dietetic students collaborated in two interdisciplinary simulation team experiences during the fall semester as a part of the implementation phase of the 2013 Summer Grant for Improvement of Instruction awarded to Dr. Kathleen Masters through the office of the Provost. This interdisciplinary approach to learning is effective in helping students understand the roles of other healthcare providers in the clinical management of patients and will continue with additional experiences planned for spring semester 2014.

4th Semester, Public Health students use moulage to simulate possible injuries during disaster scenarios.