Dean’s Corner

I am amazed at how quickly the days have flown and that we have reached the mid-term designation of fall semester. Faculty, students, and staff have been enmeshed in academic work, the implementation of a new curriculum and participation in university and outreach efforts. The College of Nursing on both campuses have participated in the American Heart Walk and in Breast Cancer Awareness and are gearing up for homecoming activities including a College of Nursing float in the parade. In addition, faculty and staff have been active in student recruitment by attending multiple venues around the state. It has been a busy first half of the semester and all are looking forward to fall break.
Doctoral Students Defend Dissertations and Capstones

Mary Louanne Friend
Ms. Friend defended her dissertation entitled, *Group Empowerment Capacity and Capability in Schools of Nursing*, on October 7th. Her committee members are as followed: Dr. Katherine Nugent (Committee Chair), Dr. Bonnie Harbaugh, Dr. Kyna Shelley, Dr. Christina Sieloff, and Dr. Sandra Bishop. She is currently employed as an instructor of nursing at The University of Alabama Capstone College of Nursing, in Tuscaloosa, AL.

Angie Echoles
Ms. Echoles defended her capstone entitled, *The Development of a Comprehensive ADHD Program for Elementary School Educators*, on October 3rd. Her committee members are as followed: Dr. Patsy Anderson (Committee Chair) and Dr. Anita Boykins.

Jacquelyn Brownlow
Ms. Brownlow defended her capstone entitled, *Preceptions of a Dedicated Education Unit in the Mississippi Delta*, on October 7th. Her committee members are as followed: Dr. Kathleen Masters (Committee Chair) and Dr. Rowena Elliott.

Sheryl Allen
Ms. Allen defended her dissertation entitled, *The Journey to Becoming Authentic From the Voices for Nursing Students Living with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder*, on October 7th. Her committee members are as followed: Dr. Janie Butts (Committee Chair), Dr. Kay Lundy, Dr. Sarah Lauterbach, Dr. Bonnie Harbaugh, and Dr. Karen Rich. She is currently employed as a full-time associate degree nursing instructor at Meridian Community College in Meridian, MS.
College of Nursing Professional Career Day

The College of Nursing hosted their Professional Career Day, September 26th in the Elizabeth Harkins Hall Lobby. Twenty vendors were in attendance to answer student questions about future employment opportunities.

Dr. Hart to Present Abstract at Conference

Dr. Susan Hart has received notification that her abstract, "The Effectiveness of Community Service Learning in a Beginning Nursing Course" has been accepted for a podium presentation at the AACN Baccalaureate Conference.

Dr. Davis Attends American Academy of Nursing Conference

Dr. Shelia Davis attended the American Academy of Nursing’s 40th Annual Meeting and Conference. She is seen here with living nursing ledged, Dr. Hattie Bessent (seated in yellow). She is surrounded by past fellows of the American Nursing Association Ethnic Minority Fellowship program. Dr. Davis was awarded this fellowship for her PhD in the Nursing program.
Family Nurse Practitioner Hosts Seminar

"In September, the USM College of Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program hosted an all day seminar for their FNP students consisting of two workshops on primary care procedures.

The morning session was a suturing workshop where students learned best practice guidelines of laceration repair as well as suturing techniques. Students performed return demonstration of each suturing technique learned and encouraged to continue practicing with their suturing boards when they leave the workshop. This workshop was a complement to content they are learning this semester concerning assessing and treating primary care emergencies.

Ms. Renee Lyles, a family nurse practitioner working in a Meridian pain management clinic was the guest speaker in the afternoon workshop. Students were introduced to the “whens, whys, and hows” of joint injections. Following Ms. Lyles presentation, students had the opportunity to give a return demonstration on a joint model specifically designed for teaching joint injections."
The USM CoN SNA members attended the MASN Convention in Jackson, MS Oct. 17-18, 2013. The students gained much knowledge by attending different events/sessions offered. They networked with others from across the state including students and faculty. They also represented USM CoN by attending the booth where a wealth of information was given out to prospective students who were interested in several of our programs. The students collected over 100 prospective student's contact information to follow-up/connect with in the future.

Our 4th semester student Whitney Bland Gooch was inducted into the MASN Hall of Fame and awarded the $300 Circle of Excellence Scholarship!

Mrs. Mary Hossley, MSN, GNP, RN Instructor, SNA Advisor was awarded MASN Nurse Mentor of the Year!

**SNA will sponsor a float in the Homecoming Parade Saturday, October 26, & they are also taking up donations for MS's Walk for Diabetes Sunday, October 27**
College of Nursing Participates in Southern Miss Paint it Pink 2013

The College of Nursing participated in various events for Southern Miss Paint it Pink 2013 to commemorate October as Breast Cancer Awareness month. The College of Nursing’s theme is “Save the Treasured Chests!”

Our graduate assistants decorated the CoN golf cart, and dressed as pirates for the golf cart parade, held Friday, October 4th.

SNA members met on Sunday, October 6th to Paint the front doors of CON Pink. In reference to Breast Cancer Awareness Month they encourage everyone (especially women) to get yearly mammograms and to do monthly self breast exams. Visit the Paint Southern Miss Pink Facebook page and “Like” our door.
Once again the College of Nursing stepped up to the plate and hit a home run for the Forrest/Lamar Heart Walk! This year’s event took place on Saturday, September 28th on Pride Field. Through the fundraising efforts of our faculty, staff and students, the College of Nursing raised an amazing total of $4,174 to benefit the American Heart Association, making the College of Nursing the winning team for the University of Southern Mississippi. Because we surpassed our goal, Dean Nugent had the pleasure of kissing a pig during opening ceremonies. She made the best of it and had a great time! The winning team for our student competition was the graduate students and we look forward to celebrating with a pizza party! We appreciate everyone that took part in this year’s event and helped us to surpass our goal. Thank you as well to the faculty, staff and students that came out to walk and show support for the College of Nursing and American Heart Association.
Nursing Students Elected to 2013 USM Homecoming Court

Homecoming Queen

Ms. Casey Polk

Senior Maid

Ms. Olivia Vaughan

4th Semester Selling T-Shirts
Long Sleeve: $20 Short Sleeve: $15 Sweatshirt: $30

See a 4th Semester Class Representative for more details:
Stephanie Sarver, Karen Owens, Melanie Holley, Natalie Yaqub, Olivia Capetillo, Molly Grubbs, and Mark Sullivan

Heather Morris’s First Semester Health Assessment class are shown here assessing lung sounds. With a total of 92 students assessing lung sounds all at one time, someone should check the record books!