As students, faculty, and staff we look to planning for the rest of this semester and future semesters. The College of Nursing is also looking to the future, not only for our current students, but our students to come. This semester the university experienced a decline in enrollment. As a result of this decline, the University had less revenue from tuition than expected. Therefore, we must align expenditures with the revenue currently provided. Simply stated the University, including, the College of Nursing must make budget adjustments. However, the College of Nursing is continuing to move forward with new initiatives including a BSN to DNP leadership program, plans to add a second floor classroom to the Long Beach Campus, and continued construction of Asbury Hall. The College of Nursing is also excited to be a partner with The University of Southern Mississippi in supporting military personnel by providing an innovative veteran’s Bachelor of Science and a military-friendly campus.

The College of Nursing is excited for our upcoming games against University of Texas at El Paso and especially our homecoming game versus Marshall University! Good luck Eagles! SMTTT!

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Breaking New Ground, Transforming Health Care
Dr. Davis Attends SNRS Board Meeting

Dr. Sheila Davis attended the Southern Nurses Research Society (SNRS) mid year board meeting in Tampa, Florida. Dr. Davis serves on the board as Director of the Research Interest Group of SNRS.

CoN Heart Walk Results

The Heart Throbbers, the College of Nursing’s Heart Walk team name, had a successful year of fundraising. The team was able to raise over $1000 to benefit the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association. A huge THANKS to everyone that contributed to this great cause!

College of Nursing Hosts Career Day

The College of Nursing hosted their Professional Career Day, October 2nd at Elizabeth Harkins Hall. Twenty-one vendors were in attendance to answer student questions about future employment opportunities. The event turned out to be a huge success!
VBSN Program Hitting the Ground Running

There has been a lot happening with the Veterans BSN (VBSN) Program over the last two months. The Program Manager (Judy DeSalvo) and Simulation Specialist (Judy Parker) have been hired and put to work. A photo shoot spanning two days captured great pictures to use for promoting the program, the CON, and USM. Flyers and rack cards have been developed. The curriculum has been fine-tuned. We have had 3 press releases and developed a news story/article to distribute to military media outlets. Online and mobile ads will run for a month in all four versions of Military Times (Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines). We even have a slide at the front gate of Fort Hood Army Base in Killeen, TX!

Upcoming events include the 36th Annual Salute to the Military, Veterans Day Festival on the Biloxi Town Green, and a Student Veterans Association (SVA) Lunch & Learn. Also, an announcement about our program will be made at USM’s Military Appreciation Game, which just happens to be Homecoming!

We have been busy with recruitment as well. The VBSN Veteran Advisor (Retired Army Major General Jeff Hammond) and Veteran Recruiter (Doug Robinson, a retired Senior Air Force Recruiter who currently works with General Hammond as USM’s Veteran Outreach Coordinator) commit 20% of their time to the program. They have visited local military bases and made trips to bases in Texas and the Florida Panhandle. Valuable contacts are being made and more recruiting trips are planned to military bases and VA Hospitals through November and next spring.

Let your friends and family know about this program specifically designed to help veterans transition from military service to a civilian nursing career. Help us spread the word and get students for the VBSN!

Complete information available online at: www.usm.edu/nursing/vbsn.

Technology Connects Researchers

With use of technology, Adobe Connect, faculty at USM College of Nursing connected with faculty at Southern New Hampshire University, a College in Spokane Washington, and a faculty member from her home in Hattiesburg to discuss the research of PhD doctoral student, Wendy Buenzli. Dr. Sheila Davis serves as Wendy's dissertation chair. Special thanks to Xavier Agee for coordinating this connection.

College of Nursing Participates in Pink Golf Cart Parade

The College of Nursing paraded around campus the “Can’t Stop the Beat, but Together we can BEAT CANCER” themed golf cart. The parade was held Friday, September 26th and also on the 27th during the Eagle Walk.