



July 2016



## Leaders among us

It's an exciting time for many of our alumni! Our newest graduates are on the cusp of beginning their first job as an RN. More seasoned alumni have taken on advanced leadership roles, including Sandra Gomberg '85 BSN, '90 MSN, named president of Aria Hospitals and Maria Magro Van Pelt '15 PhD, CRNA elected as chair of the Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation for Mass General Anesthesia, Critical Care and Pain Medicine, the first CRNA to hold that position. Our alumni are terrific role models for our students and new graduates!

## My career: My externship at Mayo Clinic



Student Kelly O'Neill shares her experience as a summer extern, following her junior year, at the prestigious Mayo Clinic where she's interacted with patients from all over the world, enhanced her nursing education and put her knowledge and skills to the test.

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## Davis Scholars conduct research this summer



Catherine DeLuca aims to expand nursing knowledge on the risky behaviors of high school students while Carolyn Astrup hopes to learn if older adults receiving home health care are getting the needed support to consume a nutritionally sufficient diet. Both are conducting research as our Davis Undergraduate Summer Nursing Scholars.

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### College of Nursing to celebrate summer graduates

On August 2, the College of Nursing holds its Summer Convocation in the St. Thomas of Villanova Church to celebrate, with friends and family, the accomplishments of graduates from our online RN-BSN program, First Degree Alternate Sequence BSN program and our Second Degree BSN Program, including those completing the BSNExpress 14-month accelerated program (in the above photo). Congratulations to our newest Villanova Nurses!!!

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### Nurse Practitioner preceptors and sites needed



If you are or someone you know is a nurse practitioner (NP) interested in sharing knowledge and skills, there are preceptor opportunities available at the College of Nursing for adult-gerontology, family, and pediatric NPs in primary care and specialty clinics in the Delaware Valley, Delaware and South Jersey areas. Our students have clinical semesters at all times during the year-spring, summer and fall. The preceptor commitment is one day a week per preceptor for one semester. Interested? Please contact Dr. Elizabeth Blunt at [elizabeth.blunt@villanova.edu](mailto:elizabeth.blunt@villanova.edu) or 610.519.4928.

[Read more about our NP options](#)

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Simulation and future performance

Improving the nephrology nurse handoff

Preterm birth remains significant public health issue



In *Clinical Simulation in Nursing*, Dr. Bette Mariani and co-authors note that there is a need for methodologically sound research to translate simulation outcomes to future practice. They outline specifics in their article "High-Fidelity Simulation in Undergraduate Nursing Education: A Review of Simulation Reviews."

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Nephrologynews.com reported on critical safety information stemming from Dr. Tammie Kear's research that she shared at this spring's American Nephrology Nurses Association National Symposium. Standardization and avoiding interruptions in the process can save the day-and the patient.

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Health care providers can maximize the potential of children born prematurely if they understand the relationship between preterm birth and ongoing health risks, says Dr. Michelle Kelly in *The Journal of Pediatric Nursing* "National Perspective of Health Outcomes of 8- to 11-Year-Old Children Born Prematurely and Their Full-Term Peers."

[Read more](#)



### COPE's Breakfast Series - Sharing Secrets and Successes: Best Practices in Weight Management on September 14

Feeling "stuck"? Looking for ways to boost your effectiveness in working with clients and patients on weight management issues? Need some new ideas to incorporate into your practice? During this breakfast program hear from a panel of registered dietitians who have made inroads into the obesity fight by using a variety of approaches and evidence-based practices.

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## Upcoming Events

**Aug  
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[August 2](#)  
Summer Convocation @ 5:00pm, St. Thomas of Villanova Church

**Oct  
20**

[October 20](#)  
Sustainable Careers Panel

**Nov**  
**21**

November 21

38th Annual Distinguished Lecture: Nursing Leadership and a Culture of Health

**We'd love to hear your news! Email [ann.mckenzie@villanova.edu](mailto:ann.mckenzie@villanova.edu) with the details.**

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