**Villanova University College of Nursing**

**RN-BSN Online Program Newsletter - Fall 2017**

**Program News** – As you may be aware our beloved Dean Fitzpatrick passed away on Sept. 1. Her vision and dedication to the College cannot be fully appreciated. She will be missed. Lesley Perry has been appointed as Interim Dean as a national search for a new Dean is launched.

Voting for the University Nursing Senate (UNS) representatives will take place in early October. Look for a survey in your Villanova email. Khushboo Lapsia and Pearl Phillips have thrown their names in for consideration. Take the time to cast your vote.

Writing Center is now available for online students – see info on second page!

Create a progression plans and check course availability – not all courses are offered every session. New students should reach out to Dr. Lyons to review plans and make sure you speak with her when you enter NUR 2180 to brainstorm for your upcoming clinical courses.

**Compliance Information** - Complio is a software program from the American Data Bank which is used to keep track of required clinical documentation. Contact Carolyn Kilroy @ Carolyn.kilroy@villanova.edu if you need assistance with using it. All students need to create an account – info is sent to your Villanova email after you register for NUR 3000. There is a fee for subscription and package.

**Faculty News** – Marybeth Hoban (NUR 4113) attended the 40th Villanova reunion – Class of ’77.

Welcome new faculty – Bette Mariani – Bette routinely teaches in the traditional undergraduate program but is new to the Online Program this fall and will teach in NUR 4113 201.

Robin Bowles is our new librarian. Call – 610-519-6231 or email her @ robin.bowles@villanova.edu if you need assistance. Site for distance learners https://library.villanova.edu/about/services/distancelearning

**Student News** – Corinne Columbo (BSN ’15) graduated from the University of Pennsylvania’s Program (MSN / AGACNP) Many congratulations Cori! Denali Charres (BSN ’16) has accepted a position on a cardiac unit at Florida Hospital East Orlando campus. Hillary Spada has accepted a Medical ICU position at Longmont United Hospital in Colorado.

**September Graduates** – Andrea Dennison, Amy Fodor, Taylor Goodwillie, Shannon Hall, Mirna Henriquez, Katelyn Higgins, Melissa Huber, Maryann Jones, Bertha Kumi, Jay Larsen, Farrah Lewis, Kelly Louden, Jaime Petersen, Christopher Scheuer and Sabria Bort. Many Congratulations to All! Please keep us posted about your future endeavors.

**2017 STTI Inductees** – Danielle Bosse, Kristina Bruzzesi, Amani Donaldson, Wander Everett, Amy Fodor, Erica Fry, Taylor Goodwillie, Karyn Hernandez, Melissa Huber, Farrah Lewis, Theresa Millerschoen, Jennifer Moore, Stephanie Morgan, Gaelle Morris, Colleen Orr, Jaime Peterson and Elizabeth Pollick

**Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI)** - is the International Honor Society for Nursing for BSN and Graduate level nurses. It was founded in 1922 and its mission is to enhance world health and to celebrate nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership and service. Villanova’s chapter is Alpha Nu. You will be emailed during the year (@ March) with application criteria and instructions. Induction ceremony annually Nov. http://www.nursingsociety.org/ Contact Dr. Jen Ross (Jennifer.ross@villanova.edu) for more information.

**What’s new in your life?** We would like to hear of any your accomplishments. Please email us with any award, promotions, new positions or accolades or news that you receive and we will post them to upcoming editions – colleen.tuzio@villanova.edu

**Financial Aid Contact** is Nathan Walch – Nathan.walch@villanova.edu to qualify for Financial Aid, 6 credits must be taken in a traditional semester. WX can affect awards – so can academic probation.

**Villanova Email account** – All students have 2 email accounts. One is located within the LMS where your
courses are located and the other is found by going to www.villanova.edu and entering your Villanova username and password into the My NOVA portal and clicking on the email icon. Official university information is sent to this address so please check it regularly. There are instructions on how to forward this email to your home email account located in the Student Resources Center of the LMS.

Have you moved or are planning to move? Please notify your rep of your address and go to formally change your address with Registrar.

What is the Tech Support Number? BISK has 24/7 Technical Support which can be reached by calling toll-free at 1-800-742-1309.

The Student Resource Center – is in the Learning Management System (LMS) where you access your courses and has helpful information to students regarding the program, clinical courses, writing help and much more. You access it from the Resources link at the very top of each course. Open the Resource link and choose Student Resources Center from the dropdown. Please take time to investigate this site.

Writing Center – the writing center is now open to all online students! Contact Seth Pollins – seth.pollins@villanova.edu and Nancy Margolis nancy.margolis@villanova.edu

MAT 1250 Tutor - Free Statistic tutoring available. The University is now providing a graduate assistant to help students with statistic tutoring if needed. This person will change every few semesters. Please contact Melissa Ferreira (MLRC Director) at melissa.ferreira@villanova.edu to find contact info for the current GA. Do not hesitate to reach out to your MAT 1250 faculty member for assistance as well.

Advisement - Dr. Lyons is the advisor to all RN-BSN Online students. She works closely with the re-enrollment reps so that they should be your first call for most advisement issues. If your issue cannot be handled after contacting your rep, please reach out to her at margaret.g.lyons@villanova.edu or via LMS email, she is in all courses as “Administrative Professor” for your convenience.

Role of the Reps – Your first representative is the admission rep who helps you apply and enter the program. Once you are admitted, you will transition to a re-enrollment rep who stays with you until you graduate to assist you in course registration and preparation for graduation. Make sure you communicate with your reps regularly to stay on track!

Registrar – The Registrar will register new student for their first courses. After that, you need to register yourself for courses at Villanova using the My NOVA portal. Your reps can assist you.

Inactive Status – if you do not take classes for 2 consecutive semesters (4 sessions) you are automatically placed on Inactive Status. You will need to contact Kelly Tuzio to reactivate when you want to return.

What is a CAPP? A CAPP is the term for the Curriculum, Advising and Program Planning tool. It is the best way to see your progression to graduation. Running a CAPP will show you what courses you have taken and what ones you still need to take. You can run a CAPP by going to the MyNOVA portal under Student tab.

Links to Campus Lectures - Many on campus lectures are recorded and can be viewed @ Villanova YouTube. Check Campus Currents in your Villanova Email account for notices about upcoming lectures.

Scholarship Information - There are numerous scholarships and awards available to qualified students in the College of Nursing. For more information click here.

If you live in the Tristate Philadelphia area – Jobs - There may be opportunities for employment info at Externship and Job Opportunities (VU Career Services) (AfterCollege.com).

Career Services - students can establish a file where they can put their resume, letters of recommendation, etc. and then when they apply for a position, Career Services will send out an official document to employers with all the shared information. They will save this for 7 years and students can update it periodically as they wish. http://www.villanova.edu/villanova/provost/careers.html
Need your contact hours? See our full listing of CE offerings.

Upcoming College Events

- **October 17**
  Graduate and Adult Education Open House
- **October 19**
  Nursing Alumni Reception - Washington, D.C.
- **November 5**
  Sigma Theta Tau International/Alpha Nu Chapter induction
- **November 16**
  39th Annual Distinguished Lecture in Nursing - *Values Shape Nursing's Future* by Dr. Beverly Malone, CEO, National League for Nursing
- **November 28**
  Nursing Career Day
- **November 29**
  Save the date: Nursing Alumni Reception-New York City
- **February 22**
  Naratil Family Health & Human Values Lecture: *Caring for Incarcerated Women*
- March 13
  Graduate & Adult Education Open House
- March 22
  Research Symposium
- April 7
  College of Nursing Annual Mass & Alumni Awards Ceremony
- April 12
  Naratil Family Health & Human Values Lecture - A Glimpse into the Future: The Role of Nursing Advocacy in a Multicultural World
- May 17-19
  Commencement Weekend (Nursing Convocation May 19)