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The College of Nursing is pleased to announce that two of our PhD students, Brittany Stark, MSN, RN, and Michelle McKay, MSN, RN, CCRN, are among the second cohort of 46 Future of Nursing Scholars selected from schools of nursing across the country. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation announced the names of the nurses on July 9. The two scholarships are funded by the Independence Blue Cross Foundation and awarded by Villanova University. [More...](#)



Shifting from a military to health care career

For high school student Kyle Chelius, the September 11th terrorist attacks were a game changer. Before his senior year, the Reading, Pa. native enlisted in the Army. Six days after graduation in 2003, he was in basic training. Today, the combat veteran, a paratrooper who was deployed twice to Iraq, is graduating with his BSN and ready to launch a new career.

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Dr. Mariani receives simulation award

Bette Mariani, PhD, RN, assistant professor (right), was honored by the International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation & Learning (INACSL) with its 2015 INACSL Excellence in Academia Award during the 14th Annual INACSL Conference in Atlanta, Ga., on June 12, 2015. Dr. Mariani was celebrated by her peers for her outstanding enthusiasm, creativity and innovation in the delivery and dissemination of simulation based education.

Save the date!

The fall Open House for high school students interested in earning their BSN will be held Sunday, **September 13th**. See more [details and a link for online registration](#). Simply share the link if you know someone who wants to be a Villanova Nurse.



Transitions: Dr. Gray-Siracusa

Kathy Gray-Siracusa, PhD, RN, MBA, NEA-BC, CCRN, assistant professor, leaves the College of Nursing this month to return home to New York for family reasons. Happily, she will stay connected to us through various courses and projects, though her colleagues will miss seeing her in Driscoll Hall. "Kathy is very dynamic. The way she presents things is energetic and she is committed to education," says Dean Fitzpatrick. We wish her well!



Summer poster day

Our alternate and second degree students showcased their work in the community at this month's Poster Day. These scholars walked attendees through their projects in such areas as hypertension, obesity prevention, nutrition, healthy pregnancy, smoking cessation and cyber safety. [See the photo album on our Facebook page](#).



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2015 - 2016 EVENTS

September 13 - [Open House for High School Students](#)

September 16 - [RN-BSN Online Program Virtual Open House](#) @ 12n EST

September 29 - Lecture "Medication Safety: Empowering Nurses Beyond the Five Rights" - Susan Paparella '86 BSN, '02 MSN, RN, Vice President, Institute for Safe Medication Practices

October 20 - [Graduate and Adult Education Open House](#) (transfer students, second-degree, RN-BSN, master's, DNP, PhD)

November 17 - Annual Distinguished Lectureship

November 18 - [RN-BSN Online Program Virtual Open House](#) @ 12n EST

December 1 - Nursing Career Day

March 8 - [Graduate and Adult Education Open House](#) (transfer students, second-degree, RN-BSN, master's, DNP, PhD)

March 22 - Annual Research Symposium

April 2 - 27th Annual Mass & Alumni Awards Ceremony

April 10 - Open House for High School Students

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