



July 2017



Student transitions

Summer is a time of exciting transitions for many of our students: the Class of 2021 is prepping for the start of college life, our accelerated second-degree BSN students are on the cusp of graduating and our May BSN graduates are becoming RNs and launching their careers. Many of you have gotten in touch recently asking how you can give back to the students so a few ideas are below.

- Share your brief advice or words of wisdom for the Class of 2021 by posting it on Facebook or Twitter with the hashtag #NovaNursing2021
- Join our [LinkedIn group "Villanovans in Nursing"](#) so students and alumni can network with you
- Volunteer to be an alumni ambassador at your institution so an interested student can learn more about nursing practice there. Just [email us](#) your name, email/phone, employer, role and unit/specialty so we can add it to our list and match students when need arises.

Thanks for making our "NovaNursingNation" so strong!

Students present critical topics with Polish peers at interdisciplinary conference



In a unique opportunity, nursing students worked through the spring semester on presentations they would be delivering with their Polish counterparts at an interdisciplinary health conference in Jaroslaw, Poland during their May international field experience in nursing elective. The students also saw broad use of alternative therapies as they toured spas and a respiratory health center in a salt mine, which added to their understanding of the treatments and their global perspective. Says Emily Dresser, "There is a larger emphasis on patience which in turn allows for healing and stress reduction."

[Read more](#)

Exploring women's mental health

Creativity + interdisciplinary collaboration = a much needed, innovative senior seminar "Crucial Conversations: Mental Health from a Woman's Perspective," taught by our faculty/advanced practice nurses Dr. Amy McKeever- a women's



health nurse practitioner- and Sue Ellen Alderman- a psychiatric-mental health clinical specialist (seen teaching in this photo). The subject was also of interest to a reporter from the *Philadelphia Inquirer* who asked deeper questions about women's mental health in an interview that ran this month.

[Read the interview](#)

Join us for DNP Meet & Greets this fall



If you're in Philadelphia or on the Main Line this fall, the DNP faculty and students look forward to seeing you! Join us for light fare and conversation about our online post-master's DNP program for APRNs and Administrators and our 175th Anniversary tuition reduction offered through December 15, 2017.

- [Thursday, September 28, 4-7 pm](#) at **New Deck Tavern**, 3408 Sansom St., Phila.
- [Thursday, November 2, 4-7 pm](#) at the newly renovated **Inn at Villanova University**

RSVP by September 21 to Olivia Tintea at olivia.tintea@villanova.edu or 610.519.4914

[Learn more about the DNP](#)

Registration now open: "Healthy Decision Making in a Food-Rich Environment"



Register today for the fall conference "**Healthy Decision Making in a Food-Rich Environment**," co-presented by the College of Nursing's MacDonald Center for Obesity Prevention and Education (COPE) and Villanova School of Business, to be held in Driscoll Hall on September 15. Created for nurses, nurse practitioners, dietitians, health coaches, business professionals and policy experts, the two-part conference includes *The Mind-Environment Connection: Using Mindfulness to Promote Healthy Choices* and *Eating in Context: Perspectives on the Consumer, the Context, and Policy Drivers of Food-related Decisions*. Contact hours available for nurses and dietitians. Special rate for Villanova employees, students and alumni.

[Learn more and register on COPE's site.](#)

[Need your contact hours? See our full listing of CE offerings.](#)

[Are you a mandated reporter licensed in PA? Don't miss our new CE: Child Abuse Recognition and Reporting](#)

Upcoming Events

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Summer Convocation

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September 15
COPE Fall Conference co-presented with Villanova School of Business: [Healthy Decision Making in a Food-Rich Environment](#)

Sep
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September 21
Collaborative Care for Immigrants and Refugees, part of the Naratil Family Health and Human Values Lecture Series

Sep
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September 28
[DNP Meet & Greet at New Deck Tavern](#), Philadelphia

We'd love to hear your news! Email ann.mckenzie@villanova.edu with the details.

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