March 2016

Do you know a high school student who wants to be a Villanova Nurse? We are holding our **Open House for high school students on April 10**. Explore our nursing curriculum, meet with students and faculty, learn about the admission and financial assistance process, and tour the state-of-the-art Driscoll Hall, as well as the Villanova University campus. [Register online here.](#)

Already a Villanova Nurse? Get ready for **Reunion Weekend June 6-12**! [Read about events and register online here.](#)

**PhD students visit Capitol Hill**

“A life changing experience,” is how Michelle McKay, MSN, RN, CCRN describes her recent participation, along with fellow PhD student Brittany Stark, MSN, RN, in the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Student Policy Summit held in Washington, D.C. Both women were on Capitol Hill on March 21st as part of the Summit. They are also Robert Wood Johnson Future of Nursing Scholars, funded by Independence Blue Cross Foundation. [More...](#)

**Global Health diplomats inform fellow students**

College of Nursing students serving as global health diplomats are sharing their international experience with fellow nursing students before those students leave to promote health in foreign countries. Ruth McDermott-Levy, PhD, RN, associate professor and director of the Center for Global and Public Health, established the diplomat program to provide outreach for the Center. [More...](#)

**Dr. Hallowell developing telehealth intervention**

Assistant Professor Sunny G. Hallowell, PhD, PPCNP-BC, IBCLC is leading one of the ten projects selected to participate in the 2016 Nursing & Community Health Social Innovations Lab. Selection was based on a competitive application process where the most innovative community health ideas with the greatest potential to address healthcare gaps in the Philadelphia region were chosen. She, along with undergraduate research assistant, junior Angela Pissara, is developing a telehealth intervention to provide lactation support to families. [More...](#)

**Young alumna interviewed on radio about her research study**

Hear from Teresa Yang ’15 BSN, RN in a March 10 radio interview on Healthcetera with Dr. Diana Mason about Teresa’s research while an undergraduate student in the College of Nursing. Teresa, a Davis scholar, used her funding to study the use of a free phone app called Circle of 6 to increase the safety of women on college campuses. Now a nurse in the Pediatric ICU at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, she is working on a manuscript for publication. [Listen to the interview here](#) and [read more on her study](#).

[Video and photos from Research Symposium](#)
Vaccine lecture
If you missed two recent events, you can catch up through video links and photos. Dr. Barbara Wadsworth, CNO and Senior Vice President, Main Line Health, gave the keynote address “Enhancing the Kaleidoscope of Evidence-Based Practice” on March 22 at our annual research symposium. Watch here. Our March 10 lecture, “From Market to Misinformation: Addressing the Science and Facts of Vaccines” can be watched through Mediasite (where you can see slides) or YouTube.

See photos from both events on our Facebook page.

Cherish the Ladies: A Cervical Cancer Screening Program in Southeast Haiti - April 7
On April 7 at 5:30pm in the Driscoll Hall Auditorium, enjoy the story of family nurse practitioner Louise Lindenmeyr who took new technology to screen women for cervical cancer to the far-flung corners of Haiti. Strapping a CO2 tank to the back of a motorcycle, Louise built a program of “see and treat” and has screened approximately 600 women so far and has treated 5% of those women for positive results with cryotherapy. Even more importantly, in the spring of 2014 she began training Haitian doctors and nurses in the use of VIA/cryo. Now there is a fully trained Haitian nurse doing the screenings, treatments and supervising trainees in a large southeast Haiti community. Learn more about this Naratil Family Health & Human Values Lecture Series offering which is co-sponsored by the Center for Global and Public Health.

Interested in becoming an Alumni Ambassador for your institution?
More and more of our nursing students are looking to network and otherwise connect with alumni at institutions where they may be seeking or starting a new position. For many, this is their first job in nursing. We get occasional inquiries from alumni as well. If you're interested in helping them by answering questions about nursing practice at your institution, please email ann.mckenzie@villanova.edu with your name, role, unit, your organization's name and best contact information to share with those inquiring. Thank you for your support of our students and your fellow alumni!

Free webinars from COPE
Don't miss the latest webinar from the MacDonald Center for Obesity Prevention and Education (COPE). On April 20th, hear from Rebecca Pearl, PhD, speaking on "Weight Stigma and Health: Considerations for Clinical Care." Read more and register online.

More College news...

2016 EVENTS

April 1-2 - Advance Care Planning Reimagined: Clinical Excellence and Cultural Leadership in Oncology -Supported by The Esther Schwartz Scholarship and Research Fund.
April 2 - 27th Annual Mass & Alumni Awards Ceremony @ 6 p.m.

April 7 - Naratil Family Health & Human Values Lecture Series -- “Cherish the Ladies: a Cervical Cancer Screening Program in Southeast Haiti” with Louise Lindenmeyr, FNP-BC

April 10 - Open House for High School Students

May 18 - Online RN-BSN Open House @ 12n Eastern. RSVP with your name and Open House date to RSVP@VillanovaU.com.

June 9-12 - Alumni Reunion Weekend

July 20 - Online RN-BSN Open House @ 12n Eastern. RSVP with your name and Open House date to RSVP@VillanovaU.com.

September 21 - Online RN-BSN Open House @ 12n Eastern. RSVP with your name and Open House date to RSVP@VillanovaU.com.

November 16 - Online RN-BSN Open House @ 12n Eastern. RSVP with your name and Open House date to RSVP@VillanovaU.com.

November 21 - Annual Distinguished Lecture

See our full listing of Continuing Education offerings and COPE's webinars.