



November-December 2016



Congratulations to our Winter graduates!

On December 13th at our Winter Convocation, we celebrate the achievements of 63 graduates, including those earning their master's degrees preparing them as nurse practitioners, nurse anesthetists, administrators and educators, with six students who are earning their Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. Congratulations to all!

We wish all of our College of Nursing family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Dean Fitzpatrick honored with new lecture series at Bryn Mawr Hospital



Thanks to the generosity of Dr. J. Brien Murphy and his wife Maggie, nurses and colleagues from Bryn Mawr Hospital and other Main Line Health institutions, as well as those from Villanova University College of Nursing, enjoyed the inaugural Dr. Louise Fitzpatrick Lecture on November 7 in Bryn Mawr Hospital's Pennypacker Auditorium with speaker and Villanova Nursing alumna Kathryn Bowles '90 MSN, PhD, RN, FAAN, FACMI. The lecture series was established in recognition of M. Louise Fitzpatrick, EdD, RN, FAAN, Connelly Endowed Dean and Professor of Nursing and

her "extraordinary career in nursing education." [Read more about the event.](#)

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Alpha Nu celebrates 50 years



"Sigma Theta Tau International, while appreciating our past, stands for preparing for our future," noted keynote speaker Nancy Sharts-Hopko, PhD, RN, FAAN, professor and director of the PhD in Nursing program at Alpha Nu's annual induction ceremony and 50th Anniversary Celebration on October 30, 2016. That future lies with the 125 undergraduate nursing students, 15 graduate students and four nurse leaders from the community who were inducted into Alpha Nu, in the presence of four charter members of the chapter who returned to campus for the event: Marguerite (Margie)

Aromando '65 BSN, Margaret (Peg) Griffiths '62 BSN, Barbara Park Drake '66 BSN and Eileen Walter Ferdinandsen '65 BSN. [Read more.](#)

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Dr. Bradley co-authors assessment of post-treatment problems of African American cancer survivors



"Combating cancer disparities in the African American community will take a multi-faceted approach," says co-author Patricia K. Bradley, Ph.D., R.N., F.A.A.N., associate professor. "This research is the first step toward bridging the gap in care after initial cancer treatment is completed."

[Read more and link to the study article "Post-treatment problems of African American breast cancer survivors"](#)

Alumni gather in NYC



Thanks to hosts Theresa '74 CON and Gerald '74 CLAS Bernaz! Always a treat to gather with our Nursing alumni in NYC. The Vs were up at Rossini's, with terrific food and company!

[See photos on our Nursing Alumni Association Facebook page](#)

New DNP scholarships available for June 2017 cohort



In honor of Villanova University's 175th Anniversary, Dean Fitzpatrick is graciously offering (4) \$5000 scholarships to be awarded to accepted, full-time DNP students.

Interested students should apply to the DNP program and complete a FAFSA form by April 1, 2017. Candidates will then be notified of next steps.

[Read more](#)

Dr. Ruth McDermott-Levy co-edits first open access environmental health nursing text



"As front-line health care providers, nurses can make a difference in identifying and responding to environmental health risks and exposures, so this e-text is offered widely to help nurses, nursing students, and nursing faculty be prepared to address those risks and exposures within their practice settings," explains Ruth McDermott-Levy, PhD, MPH, MSN, RN.

[Read more](#)



Free COPE Webinar-The Role of Responsive Parenting in Pediatric Obesity Prevention

On January 18th at 12noon, join Jennifer Savage Williams, PhD, for a discussion of pediatric obesity prevention research designed to 1) build, optimize, and evaluate multi-faceted interventions delivered in multiple settings (community, health care, and home) and 2) use an intergenerational approach targeting gestational weight gain to improve maternal/infant health at critical time points in the life cycle.

[Read more and register](#)

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

**Jan
18**

January 18
[Online RN-BSN Open House](#) @ 12n Eastern. RSVP with your name and Open House date to RSVP@VillanovaU.com

**Jan
26**

January 26
[The Faces of Heroin Addiction: Crisis in America](#), part of the Naratil Family Health and Human Values Lecture Series

**Mar
16**

March 16
[Emerging Infectious Diseases, Global Migration and Bioterrorism: The Evolving Role of Local Health Departments in Protecting the Public in a Dynamic World](#), part of the Naratil Family Health and Human Values Lecture Series

**Apr
6**

April 6
[Climate Change and Its Impact on Health](#), part of the Naratil Family Health and Human Values Lecture Series

**Apr
29**

April 29
College of Nursing Annual Mass & Alumni Awards Ceremony

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