State of the School

University of Connecticut
School of Nursing

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August 22, 2014
The Year in Review

- Research & Scholarship
- Academic Programs
  - Prelicensure Programs
  - Graduate Education
- Partnerships
- Capitol Infrastructure
- Administration & Organization
- Looking Ahead
- Development

UCONN SCHOOL OF NURSING innovation UNLEASHED
Research & Scholarship

- Research Clusters
  - Correctional Health
  - Pain Management
  - High Risk Infants
  - Gerontology
Research & Scholarship continued

- **Grants**
  - 22 extramural grant applications
    - 6 awards totaling over $620,600
    - (NFLP, SACME, Jonas, AAMC, NINR)
    - Continuing funding $774,516
  - 15 grants awarded to students totaling $46,000
  - $1,395,151 total grant funding FY14
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Research & Scholarship continued

- **Carol Polifroni** was awarded a grant of $108,464 for the 2014-2015 Nurse Faculty Loan Program.

- **Ivy Alexander** received a two year $688,800 award from HRSA for Advanced Education Nurse Traineeship: UCONN NURSING – INCREASING ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE FOR UNDERSERVED AREAS AND POPULATIONS.

- **Millicent Malcolm** has been awarded a $1.4M grant from HRSA Nurse Education Practice Quality Retention (NEPQR) for GERIATRIC OUTREACH AND TRAINING WITH CARE (GOTCARE!).
Research & Scholarship

Faculty Publications

• Maintained 2013 level of publishing activity in 2014 – many of the published works were co-authored (45 in 2012; 55 in 2013, 55 in 2014)

• SON had 76 conference presentations and six one person exhibitions (41 in 2012; 103 in 2013)

• SON has 14 editorships / associate editorships in major journals
Faculty Accomplishments

Promotions
Xiaomei Cong & Thomas Van Hoof
Awarded Tenure

Connecticut League of Nursing Awards
Carol Polifroni – The CLN Jane Murdock “Lifelong Learning” Award
John McNulty – The President’s Award in recognition of his time and commitment to furthering the mission and goals of CLN
Faculty Accomplishments

Doctoral Program Completion

Dr. Louise Reagan

Dr. Joan Kuhnly

National Positions

Paula McCauley elected to AACN Board of Directors

Sandy Bellini Chair, AACN Practice-based Leadership Network
Academic Programs

• CCNE accreditation visit for DNP and post-MS certificate programs successfully accomplished

• Launched healthcare innovations theme with first “Shark Tank”
Prelicensure Programs

- **Expanded Programs**
  - Total enrollment 611
    - Freshman class of 104
  - Targeted CEIN admissions increase to a goal of 128 for 2015
  - New international study site: Beijing
  - Increased honors student enrollment
    - SURF grants increased by 25%
    - Research presentations by honors scholars increased by 25%
    - Research manuscript publication by honors scholars increased

- **Increase in grant and scholarship support**
Prelicensure Programs  continued

NCLEX Pass Rate

- **Seniors:**
  - 2014 – 102 Grads
    - 86 1\textsuperscript{st} time 96% so far
    - 4 failed
    - 12 unknown
  If all 12 failed, 84% pass

- **CEIN 2013 (102 grads):**
  - Overall first time pass rate 91.80%
  - 94.40% licensed
    - Avery Point 95.83%
    - Stamford 87.50%
    - Storrs 100.00%
    - Waterbury 83.90%
Prelicensure Programs continued

- **Program Enhancements**
  - Clinical simulation faculty hired to enhance program and begin pilot of on-campus clinical
  - Leadership course awarded BS in Nursing for 125 former MEIN graduates
  - CEIN Director hired for Waterbury/Stamford
  - Two fulltime CEIN faculty hired
Study Abroad/Away in 4 countries and 5 locations

2013 – 2014
- South Africa (16), Puerto Rico (8), Belgium (8), Hong Kong (9), Dublin (15-11 Nursing majors and 4 non-nursing majors)

Fall 2014
- South Africa (16)

- 23.5% in semester long; 40% of Class of 2014 had a study abroad experience
- First Chinese undergrad exchange
Prelicensure Programs continued

- Global Education 2014-15
  - Kathryn Hegedus to lead programs
  - Dublin hospice capstone course Spring 2015
  - Two students from Brazil through UCALI
  - Hong Kong student exchange to continue
# New Undergraduates:

## Expected New Storrs Nursing Enrollees as of 8/19/14

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Graduate Education

- **Master’s Program**
  - At capacity (134)
  - NNP program implemented hybrid online: first full UCONN graduate program to be offered on Ecampus

Certification first time pass rates for 2013-14
- Acute Care 100%
- Neonatal 100%
- Primary 100%
- FNP 100%
- CNL 100%
Graduate Education continued

- **Advanced Practice Programs**
  - MS, BS-DNP curriculum redesign
  - First global education to Nicaragua summer ‘15

- **Doctoral Programs**
  - New BS-DNP Program growth
  - PhD at capacity (38)
  - New Jonas Foundation Scholars funding for four students
Partnerships: Reaching out to the community

- CE Program Development
  - Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear & Explosive Events
  - School Nurse Emergency Medical Services for Children Program
Partnerships: Reaching out to the community

- Research consultation to CCMC, Middlesex & UCHC
- Hartford High Nursing Academy
- CLN: John McNulty Treasurer, Desiree Diaz BOD
- CLN Deans & Directors – Paula McCauley co-chair
- Contracts with Stamford & Backus for simulation faculty - Desiree Diaz
Partnerships: Reaching out to the community

- AAMC/AACN Lifelong learning project – Tom Van Hoof
- SACME inter-institutional partnerships – Tom Van Hoof
- Faculty joint-appointed & beginning practice in UConn Health Storrs Downtown – Ivy Alexander & Joy Elwell
- Partnership with CHC for practice – Kelley-Newlin Lew
Partnerships: Reaching out to the community

- Conference Sponsorships
  - AAHN
  - National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers
  - Sigma Theta Tau Mu Chi Chapter, Joint Conference on "Mentoring of Doctoral Students in Nursing", to be co-sponsored in collaboration with Fairfield University, 09/29/2014
Capitol Infrastructure

- Simulation
  - New state of the art SIM Manikins.
  - High fidelity equipment including neonatal through geriatric – now covering the entire life span.
  - SIM now integrated into all programs: undergrad, grad and CEIN – over 300 simulations have been provided.
  - As a result we lead East Coast Superuser SIM Meetings

- New Public Monitor donated by Class of 2014
Administration & Organization

New Leadership Cabinet
- Ivy Alexander
- Sandy Bellini
- Paula McCauley
- Jacqueline McGrath
- John McNulty
- Robin Miller
- Thomas Van Hoof

New Faculty
- Kyle Baumbauer
- Anna Marie Bourgault
- Christine DiLeone
- Meredith Dodge
- Maureen Judd
- Ruth Lucas
- Shirley Sargent
- Debra Simons
- Erin Young
Administration & Organization

- **New Post-doc**
  - Carrie-Ellen Briere

- **Faculty Retirements and Farewells**
  - Anne Bavier
  - Anne Cross
  - Heather Evans

- **Staffing Additions/Changes**
  - Lisa Soder promoted in July to UCP V, Administrative Services Specialist III
  - Cathie Salai, Executive Assistant
  - Patti Anderson, Secretary I AES
  - Jill Finley, Financial Assistant II
Looking Ahead…

- Theme for year – UConn School of Nursing: Innovation UNLEASHED
- American Association for the History of Nursing (AAHN) Conference - September 18 – 21, 2014
- Reflections of Excellence – November 15, 2014
  - Celebration of Endowment – Discount for faculty
- CCNE Accreditation site visit, March 4 – 6, 2015
- ATHENA, April 13, 2015
- Pinning Ceremony, April 21, 2015
Looking Ahead… continued

Strategic Plan goals for the coming year

• Strategic Initiative I: A Path Toward Excellence in Research and Scholarship: Focus on Interdisciplinary Translational Research

• Strategic Initiative II: Achieving Excellence in Undergraduate and Graduate Education: Focus on Nursing Leadership Development

• Strategic Initiative III: Attaining Excellence in Teaching Effectiveness: A Focus on Interprofessional Education and Collaboration

• Strategic Initiative IV: A Path towards Excellence in Public Engagement: A Focus on Enhancing UCONN SON Impact on the Community
Development

• Increased scholarship support $295,464 to 67 students, an increase of almost $46,000 over last year

• Close to Home: A total of 26 SON full-time staff/faculty members made donations to Close to Home this year totaling $24,591.46. Using a full-time staff/faculty count of 58, the Foundation calculated a 45% participation rate.

• Raised $2,589,775 in development funds, exceeding goal
UConn’s School of Nursing Receives its First Endowed Chair

- UConn’s School of Nursing has received a pledge of $2.3 million from Robin Froman and Steven Owen to establish its first endowed faculty chair.

- The pledge will also support a professorship and research at the school.

- The gift, which is the largest ever for the School, is a strong expression of support and affection for UConn and its education and nursing programs from Robin & Steve, who have a long affiliation with UConn.
Thank you for all your efforts!