ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The UConn School of Nursing baccalaureate and master’s programs were recently awarded re-accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) for the for a ten-year term, the maximum awarded. Last year the DNP and post-master’s programs received initial accreditation for a five-year term, the maximum awarded for the first accreditation review.

- UConn School of Nursing is now ranked in the top 10% nationally and top 5 of graduate nursing programs in New England by U.S. News & World Report in its 2016 edition of “America’s Best Graduate Schools.”

- The School of Nursing has been chosen to be a National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence.

- The School has opened two research centers: the Center for Advancement in Managing Pain (CAMP) which works with a core group of multi-disciplinary pain researchers to seek federal funding and engage collaborative teams to advance the science of pain management and the Center for Correctional Health Networks (CCHNet) which translates evidence-based programs to adapt them for health care in corrections setting.

- The School’s Healthcare Innovation Program, which teaches undergraduate nursing students the skills to lead innovation concepts to actual prototype or service reality, advances education and global healthcare.

- The School of Nursing is unique nationally in offering undergraduate nursing students a full semester education abroad opportunity that includes both theory and clinical courses placements at its Cape Town, South Africa, and San Juan, Puerto Rico sites. The School also offers short-term education abroad experiences in Belgium, Hong Kong and Ireland.

FACULTY

- Cheryl Tatano Beck, DNSc, CNM, FAAN, Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor, is an internationally recognized expert on posttraumatic stress disorder. She has spent the past 20 years studying postpartum mood disorders. She is the co-developer of the Postpartum Depression Screening Scale (PDSS) and PDSS-Revised, which have been translated into 13 languages and are used internationally.

- Fellows of the American Academy of Nursing, the highest honor for nurses in the country:
  
  Ivy M. Alexander, PhD, APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, Clinical Professor; Director of Adv. Practice Programs
  Cheryl T. Beck, DNSc, CNM, FAAN, Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor
  Regina M. Cusson, PhD, NNP-BC, APRN, FAAN, Professor
  Joy Elwell, PhD, NNP-BC, APRN, FAANP, Professor; Director, DNP Program Program
  Renee C. B. Manworren, PhD, RN-BC, CNS, FAAN, Assistant Professor
  Mikki Meadows-Oliver, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Clinical Professor and Coordinator of Global Nursing Education Programs
  Jacqueline McGrath, PhD, RN, FNAP, FAAN, Professor; Associate Dean for Research & Scholarship
  Kelley Newlin-Lew, DNSc, ARNP-C, CDE, FAAN, Assistant Professor
  Deborah Shelton, PhD, RN, NE-BC, CCHP, FAAN, Professor and Director of Center for Correctional Health Networks
  Angela Starkweather, PhD, RN, ACNP-BC, CNRN, FAAN, Professor and Director of Center for Advancement of Managing Pain

- One of only 150 nurses in the National Academies of Practice, Jacqueline McGrath, PhD, RN, FNAP, FAAN (pictured right middle) is a Fellow of NAP Nursing Academy. McGrath is Associate Dean for Research and Scholarship and has a joint appointment as Connecticut Children’s Medical Center Director of Nursing Research.
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■ **Ivy Alexander**, PhD, APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, received a $1,690,873 grant award from HRSA's Advanced Nursing Education Program for her proposal Innovative Clinical-Academic Partnership to Enhance Graduate NP Preparation for Practice.

■ **Kyle Baumbauer**, PhD, a pain physiologist in the Center for Advancement of Managing Pain (CAMP), received a $155,797 award from the National Institute on Neurological Disorders and Stroke for his proposal "The Functional Consequences of Spinal Cord Injury on Cutaneous Nociceptors." This award is based on an R03 grant application with Dr. Erin E. Young, assistant professor and CAMP pain geneticist, as co-investigator.

■ **Angela Starkweather**, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor in the UConn, School of Nursing has secured a 5 year, $1.6 million Center in Self-Management of Symptoms (P20) award from the National Institute of Nursing Research, entitled the “Center for Accelerating Precision Pain Self-Management.”

ALUMNI

■ **Margaret Flinter** ’06 PhD, APRN, C-FNP is the senior vice president and clinical director of the Community Health Center, Inc. (CHC), a private, non-profit agency providing primary health care and social services in Middletown, CT. She established the Weitzman Center for Innovation in Community Health and Primary Care as the “research and development” branch of CHC and serves as the director of the center. Margaret also serves as the co-director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundations national study identifying innovations in the use of the primary care workforce, “The Primary Care Team: Learning from Effective Ambulatory Practices.”

■ **Jane Presnick Lyon** ’78 (NURS-Honors) President, School of Nursing Alumni & Friends Society, is a nurse supervisor at UConn Health. Her job requires her to closely monitor staff levels and problems across 14 units, address policy and procedural questions for medical staff, and assign beds to patients if the shift need arises. Jane was influenced by her mother who was a nursing diploma graduate and encouraged Jane to pursue her bachelor’s degree. As a practicing nurse Jane has worked in surgical intensive care, post-critical care, and cardiac care – ranging from a charge nurse to nursing supervisor and nursing instructor. Jane has established the Presnick Family Scholarship, which is awarded to a junior nursing student, in honor of her parents.

■ **Christine Meehan** ’74 (pictured left) CEO and Founder of CADImplant; Investor of GoldenSeeds is an adjunct faculty member and leader of the School’s Healthcare Innovation program. She has over 25 years in the medical device industry both in the US and in Europe. She is currently an angel investor in medical device companies and with GoldenSeeds, a woman friendly angel investor group providing early stage and growth capital to women entrepreneurs across all sectors.

■ **Mikki Oliver-Meadows** ’06 PhD, FAAN joined the School of Nursing faculty as Associate Clinical Professor and Coordinator of Global Nursing Education Programs. Dr. Meadows-Oliver comes to us from Yale School of Nursing where she was associate professor and lead faculty for pediatric clinical projects in Managua, Nicaragua. She is a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and past president of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners.

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