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Nursing News

Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 in the Department!



Dr. Lynn Parsons

Welcome from the Chair!

We have had a busy and fruitful 2013-2014 academic year! We continue to admit students to the Associate Degree Program each fall and spring semester with a capacity of 60 seats and another 60 students each fall semester in our BSN program. The Online RN to BSN program is particularly busy as summer is the time many practicing RNs make application to the program.

During 2014-2015 we will welcome two new faculty to the Department of Nursing; Amy Richardson and Jodi Myers. They will be great additions to our nursing faculty!

Amy Richardson worked with the Department of Nursing as a part-time faculty and participated in our service-learning activities. She mainly taught medical-surgical nursing to our NURA 107 (Nursing III) students. She received her BSN degree from Morehead State University and her MSN degree with a focus on Nursing Education from the Kaplan University Online Institute in Chicago, Illinois.

Jodi Myers is an advanced practice nurse holding AANC certification as a Family Nurse Practitioner. She received her BSN and MSN degrees from Marshall College of Health Professions. She is certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS). She was recently employed as a FNP in cardiac care at Kings Daughters Medical Center in Ashland, Kentucky. (Continued on page 3)

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Remote Area Medical® (RAM®) Morehead - October 25 and 26, 2014



Pictured: Stan Brock, President and Founder of RAM® with Dr. Teresa Ferguson and Dr. Teresa Howell, MSU Nursing Faculty.

Remote Area Medical® (RAM® International) provides free medical, dental and vision care which enhances quality of life through the delivery of competent and compassionate health care to those who are impoverished, isolated, and underserved without discrimination. Dr. Teresa Howell and Dr. Teresa Ferguson are on the Leadership Team for Remote Area Medical® (RAM®) Morehead October 25 and 26, 2014. RAM® Morehead is sponsored by Morehead State University and community partners. It will be held in the Rowan County Middle School.

MSU nursing students under the direction of MSU nursing faculty will participate in a service learning experience at the free clinic. RAM® Morehead is expecting in excess of 1500 patients during the two day clinic. For more information visit <http://www.moreheadstate.edu/ram/> or www.facebook.com/MoreheadRAM or call (606) 783-5396.

2 ADN Coordinators' Report

Greetings from the Associate Degree Nursing Program (ADNP)!

The ADNP admitted 40 students at the Morehead Campus and 10 students at the Mt. Sterling Campus this spring. We anticipate admitting 40 students to the Morehead Campus this fall and 20 students to the Mt. Sterling Campus. The May 2014 graduates included 20 students from the Morehead Campus and 12 students from the Mt. Sterling Campus.

The NCLEX-RN pass rate for the Morehead Campus had typically been trending above 90%. Unfortunately the pass rate for the Morehead Campus was 73% for the 2013 calendar year. The NCLEX-RN pass rate for the Mt. Sterling Campus had been above 85% since the first students graduated from the program in 2009. The NCLEX-RN pass rate for the Mt. Sterling Campus was 82% for the 2013 calendar year. This drop in the pass rate can be partially attributed to the increased difficulty of the NCLEX-RN that went into effect in 2013. Numerous strategies to improve graduate NCLEX-RN performance have been employed. An assessment has been conducted of student attributes, curricular components, faculty and staff mix, clinical sites, resources and other components. The admission criteria for the ADNP has been raised to include a GPA of 3.0 (previously 2.5) and an ACT of 20 (previously 19). We have also made curricular changes to promote improved student outcomes.

We anticipate offering our third Paramedic to ADN Transition Course (NURA 111) this fall. Paramedics who successfully complete this course and meet admission criteria are eligible to enter the third semester of the program and can graduate within one year. The Paramedic to ADN Track promotes upward mobility of Paramedics and incorporates credit for prior learning.



Dr. Lucy Mays,
Morehead Campus



Dr. Teresa Howell,
Mt. Sterling Campus

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BSN Coordinator's Report

Greetings from the Baccalaureate Nursing Program (BNP)!

2013-2014 was another successful academic year as measured by the many accomplishments of our BSN student body and BSN faculty!

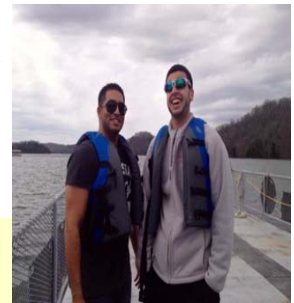


Dr. Kim Clevenger

Students Giving Back to the Community

Our BSN undergraduates and faculty have provided multiple community health fairs, presented health education programs in local public and private schools, presented their research, participated in community service in conjunction with the Kentucky State Police Trooper Island and the March of Dimes, and assisted in the continued relief efforts in Haiti in conjunction with Children's Lifeline International. We are so proud of our students and faculty efforts and the community service they have provided!

Pictured are
NURB Students.



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Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education



The BSN program will go through a national reaccreditation review from April 19 - April 22, 2015. The public is invited to send comments to the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) at the address listed below.

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

Fax: (202) 887-8476

The baccalaureate degree in nursing at Morehead State University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 30036, 202-877-6791.

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Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 in the Department!

We will host a Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) reaccreditation site visit for the BSN programs in April of 2015. Faculty in the BSN programs have been busy this current academic year preparing the self-study report.

I am proud of our faculty and students in the Student Nurses Association (SNA) for their tireless work to help our BSN student McKenzie Hicks who was diagnosed with lymphoma. The BSN faculty held four (4) separate fund raisers and secured over \$7K for McKenzie. The faculty supported students in the SNA who held a Halloween Dance this past October. From that event McKenzie received fun things like magazines, movies; candy and nail polish to name a few to keep her spirits up! Actions of student nurses and our nursing faculty reflect the essence of caring. I spoke with McKenzie at the end of May and she is doing well and continues with radiation therapy and further testing. She was positive, happy and looks forward to returning to school in the fall to complete her senior year in the BSN program and anticipates a May 2015 graduation.

This past December Amanda Jewell was promoted to Academic Department Specialist. Amanda previously served as secretary specialist and her experience as a paralegal (BA Morehead State University) is beneficial to our department. In January 2014 Amanda Turner was hired as the secretary specialist. The secretary specialist works primary with the Associate Degree Program. Ms. Turner has had business courses from Maysville Community and Technical College (MCTC). She resides in Wolfe County with her husband and children, Allison and Chandler.

I am looking forward to a productive new academic year!

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ADN Coordinators' Report

The ADN faculty continues to evaluate the program on an ongoing basis through a systematic plan of evaluation. An increasing emphasis has been placed on national patient safety goals, improving interprofessional communication, evidence based practice and clinical reasoning. The ADN is very proud to offer quality programming for students from the service region and beyond. Our graduates are employed by local health care facilities in Morehead and throughout the nation. We are very proud of our graduates and of our contribution to the service region!

The Department of Nursing would like to welcome Gwen Sloas, Director of MSU at Mt. Sterling.

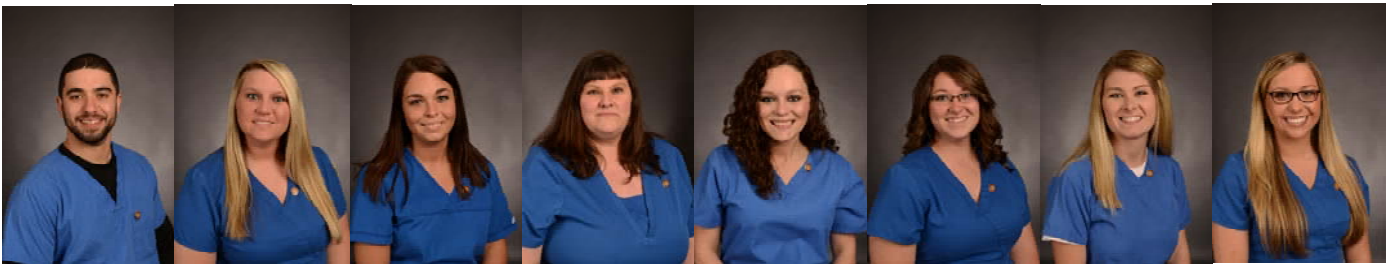


McKenzie is a fighter! We all look forward to her resuming full-time studies in the BSN program this coming fall 2014! McKenzie will graduate with her BSN degree in May 2015.

Pre-licensure BSN Program Senior Salute

On April 23, 2014, in the DeMoss Conference Room at the Center for Health Research Education, the Baccalaureate Nursing Program hosted a Graduate Reception to honor our pre-licensure nursing students. Graduates were recognized for the achievement of their Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing degree and their dedication to the nursing profession. Several students were also recognized for their performance in particular areas associated with the Baccalaureate Nursing Program (Please see “Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 in the Department!” on Page 1 for further information about the reception).

The BNP faculty would like to congratulate our new spring graduates for 2014. The following 36 students graduated from our traditional pre-licensure BSN program:



Haidar
Alalawi

Shelby
Bond

Shelby
Branam

Sheri
Brown

Samantha
Bush

Ashley
Cook

Brittany
Daugherty

Mercedes
Fletcher



Mallory
Gabbard

Kimberly
“Kim” Gurley

Alicia
Harless

Tammy
Heflin

Molly
Hicks

Kelsey
Hill

Rhonda
Hughes

Christopher
“Chris” Hunt



Destiny
Key

Molly
Kramer

Danielle
Owens

Alexandra
“Alex” Pacitto

Ashish
Patel

Laura
Peters

Alexis “Paige”
Pugh

Jessica
Rosales



Melissa
Sanders

Sadie
Shepherd

Arian
Snyder

Jaysa
Stark

James
“Brandon”
Tackett

Kayla
Tackett

Morgan
Thornberry

Brittany
Tokurah

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Post-licensure RN-BSN Online Program Senior Salute



The Post-licensure RN-BSN Online Program at MSU is designed to support the goal of the American Nurses Association (ANA) to have all current working nurses obtain a BSN degree within ten years of RN licensure. National studies have shown that ongoing education leads to better patient outcomes and increases a nurse’s flexibility and marketability in the workplace. MSU’s RN-BSN online program is leading the charge in Eastern Kentucky to help meet the goal set by the ANA. The RN-BSN online program at MSU enhances nurses’ ability to work with complex problems in the delivery of safe, efficient and effective care in a variety of settings.

The following 18 students graduated this spring from our post-licensure RN-BSN Online Program: Tiffany Banks, Melissa Cornett, Sharla Davidson, Billie Delauder, Megan Derringer, Brianna Elam, Brittany Fahnce, Nicholas Hammonds, Elizabeth Hinton, Kimberly Holland, Crystal Mattingly, Jacqueline Messer, Katherine Moore, Kayla Osborne, Tamatha Ratliff, Ashley Turner, and Jeanie Vance. Additionally, Jennifer Bishop graduated from our post-licensure RN-BSN Face to Face Program in Prestonsburg.

The following 24 students graduated in December 2013 from our post-licensure RN-BSN Online Program: Beth Adams, Heather Blair, Elizabeth Campbell, Heather Collins, Kayla Daulton, Ryane Davis, Jessica Douglas, April Fleming, Lexie Gaines, Anjelica Hackworth, Leslie Hamilton, Kristi Harris, Tonya Kennedy, Virginia Marcum, Molly McMullen, Jacklyn Nally, Lisa Peck, Betty Reynolds, Keshia Rowe, Christina Sandlin, Joyce Salyer, Jessica Taylor, Christina Vaughan, and Melissa Wellman. Additionally, the following five (5) students graduated from our post-licensure RN-BSN Face to Face Program in Prestonsburg: Vanessa Akers, Kimberly Castle, Imra Harless, Leigh Anna Meade, and Melanie Slone.



SNA

Student Nurses Association (SNA) is an organization open to all nursing students at MSU. There are approximately 150 members at this time. SNA is involved with many service projects throughout the year.

During the fall 2013 semester, SNA held an Ice Cream Social to welcome the incoming nursing students and to welcome back returning students. SNA sponsored a Halloween dance to raise money to help offset medical expenses and collected donations of personal items for a fellow nursing student battling cancer. SNA held a toy drive contest among each of the nursing classes. The class that brought in the most toys would receive a pizza party. The sophomore and junior class in the BNP tied and a party was held for both classes. The toys that were donated were given to support the Lexington Toy Chest Children's Charity. The toys were distributed to families in central and eastern Kentucky for Christmas. Two of our officers, Megan Anderson, Treasurer and President-Elect and Katie Burroughs, Vice President were able to attend the annual Kentucky Association of Nursing Students conference held at the Camp for Courageous Kids in Scottsville, Kentucky.

During the spring 2014 semester, SNA had hoped to assist with a bone marrow drive to be held at MSU. This was not able to be accomplished and the effort is being continued in hopes of helping bring a bone marrow drive to MSU for the fall. SNA also collected items for Love Bundles to be sent to Haiti.

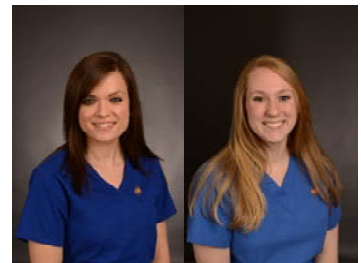
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Pre-licensure BSN Program Senior Salute



Aneal Virani

Allison "Allie" White



Alix Whitt

Taylor Wilkin

Faculty Scholarship Updates



Dr. Lynn Parsons

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*Weatherspoon, D, Sullivan, D., Wilson, D.R. & Parsons, L.C. (2013). Nurse Delegation Decision-Making. 8 (1), 1-11.



Amy Brown

*Amy Brown presented at the Laerdal Simulation User Network Conference in San Antonio in October 2013. The podium presentation was focused around implementing a high fidelity Interprofessional Simulation and incorporating two levels of students as well as TeamSTEPPS communication practices.

*Amy Brown presented in June 2013 at the Drexel University Nursing Education Institute Conference in New Orleans. This poster presentation focused on the outcomes of interprofessional simulation.

Tenure Update



Ladonna
"Michelle"
McClave

The Department of Nursing would like to congratulate Ladonna "Michelle" McClave. The MSU Board of Regents approved the granting of tenure and promotion to Ladonna "Michelle" McClave, faculty in the Baccalaureate Nursing Program, at their March 14, 2013 meeting. As of the 2013-14 academic year, Mrs. McClave now holds the rank of Associate Professor. She joined the university and the department in fall of 2007.

Trooper Island Adventure

Twelve students in the BSN program traveled over 4 hours to Trooper Island. Trooper Island is a 34-acre Island located on Dale Hollow Lake located by the Dale Hollow State Resort Park in South Central Kentucky along the Kentucky and Tennessee State Line in Clinton County. They were chaperoned by two BSN nursing faculty Tara Clark and Stephanie Johnson. This is the 2nd year Professors Clark and Johnson have accompanied students to the island for service learning opportunities.

Students were involved in health activities. Tara Clark, Associate Professor shared, "Nursing students revamped the nursing care office to come in line with the State Health Code. This experience allows students to meet course objectives while simultaneously being civic minded!" The camp experience aligns with the NURB 461 - Leadership in Nursing course.

Students started their day started at 7:30 a.m. with flag rising and breakfast. Students also had fun kayaking, canoeing and hiking! They shared stories of why they went into nursing during cookouts and bonfires. Another purpose of the trip is to reinforce the professional nursing role of *giving back* to their community. We look forward to attending Trooper Island next year!



Pictured from left to right - Shelby Branam, McKenzie Hicks, Shelby Bond, Morgan Thornsberry, [back row] Aneal Virani, Ashish Patel, Brittany Tokurah, [back to right front] Molly Kramer, Mallory Gabbord, Destiny Key, Molly Hicks, & Ashley Cook.



State Police Trooper and Trooper Island Camp Director Endre I. Samu and BSN students McKenzie Hicks raising the Trooper Island flag.

Celebration of Student Scholarship

Michelle McClave, Associate Professor in the Baccalaureate Nursing Program, mentored several research projects that were presented at the 9th Annual Celebration of Student Scholarship held in the Adron Doran University Center on Wednesday, April 23, 2014.

Six student groups, or 36 students, from the NURB 361 Introduction to Nursing Research course performed poster presentations at the event. The groups' research topics included: *Exploration of Current Practice and the Rise of Antimicrobial-resistant Infections, Improvement of Compliance with Infection Control to Reduce Hospital-acquired Infections, Interventions to Prevent Misidentification of Patients during Blood Transfusions, Anticoagulation Safety: Reducing the Likelihood of Complications associated with Anticoagulation Therapy in the Clinical Setting, Interventions for the Prevention of Post-operative Infections, and The Importance of Nursing Competencies in CAUTI Prevention: Investigation of Compliance with Best Practices.*

Also, Shelby Branam, senior BNP student and honors student, completed her honors research on clinical reflection by performing an oral presentation at the event. Her presentation was titled Application of a Clinical Reflection Self-assessment into a Summative Senior Nursing Student Learning Outcomes Portfolio. Mrs. McClave also served as Ms. Branam's faculty mentor throughout her time in the honors program.



Pictured are NURB 361 Students.

College of Science and Technology Academic Honor's Banquet

The College of Science and Technology hosted the annual academic honors banquet where students received special awards, recognitions, and scholarships. This event was held in May. The students were also recognized by their respective departments for their student presentations and publications.



Dr. Lynn Parsons & Nursing Students

ADN

- Dara FurmanOutstanding ADN Second Level Student
- Shawna Clemons.....Outstanding ADN First Level Student
- Julia Waller.....Outstanding ADN First Level Student

BSN

- Kelsey Hill.....Outstanding BNP Senior Student
- Marsheena Brock.....Outstanding BNP Junior Student
- Taylor Lowe.....Outstanding BNP Sophomore Student
- Kayla Osborne.....Outstanding RN-BSN Senior Student
- Gwendolyn Fannin.....Outstanding RN-BSN Junior Student



Dr. Lynn Parsons & Kelsey Hill

Dr. Lynn Parsons & Taylor Lowe

Dr. Lynn Parsons & Dara Furman

Dr. Lynn Parsons & Shawna Clemons

Dr. Lynn Parsons & Julia Waller

ADN Graduate Reception and Awards



The Department of Nursing Associate Degree in Nursing Program (ADNP) hosted a graduate awards

reception for May graduates where students received special awards, recognitions, and scholarships.

Students were recognized for the achievement of their Associate of Science in Nursing degree and their dedication to the nursing profession. Several students were also recognized for their performance in particular areas associated with the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

Fall 2013:

- *Excellence in Nursing Award presented by St. Claire.....Mike Lewis
 - *HESI RN Exit Exam Award.....John Gray
 - *Clinical Simulation Award.....Jeremy Lemaster
 - *Honor’s Award - Outstanding Student.....Marietta Byrd
 - *Art of Nursing Award.....Dan Holden
- “Voted on by peers and faculty as the nursing student they would choose to take care of themselves or a family member”.

Spring 2014:

- *Excellence in Nursing Award presented by St. Claire..Tim Smallwood
 - *HESI RN Exit Exam Award.....Alyse Darnell
 - *Clinical Simulation Award.....Cynthia Adams & Sarah Lunsford
 - *Honor’s Award - Outstanding Student.....Dara Furman
 - *Art of Nursing Award.....Amber Adair
- “Voted on by peers and faculty as the nursing student they would choose to take care of themselves or a family member”.

The Associate Degree Nursing Program (ADNP) held a reception and awards event for the May 2014 graduating class on April 30th in the Gerald DeMoss Conference Room at the Center for Health Education and Research (CHER). The welcome was provided by Dr. Lynn Parsons, Department Chair. Dr. Kim Clevenger presented information encouraging graduates to continue their education in Morehead State University’s RN-BSN Online Program. Ms. Nancy Gulley, RN presented St. Claire Regional Medical Center’s Excellence in Nursing Award to Tim Smallwood.

Dr. Lucy Mays, Coordinator of the ADNP at the Morehead Campus and Dr. Teresa Howell, Coordinator of the ADNP at the Mt. Sterling Campus presented the awards. Dara Furman received the Honor’s Award. This award is given to the student with the highest overall grade point average. The HESI RN Exit Award was presented to Alyse Darnell for obtaining the highest score on the HESI RN Exit Exam. Cynthia Adams and Sarah Lunsford received the Clinical Simulation Award. Faculty select the students who provide the best care during the Interprofessional Simulation Experience for this honor. The Art of Nursing Award was presented to Amber Adair. The Art of Nursing is voted on by both faculty and students as the graduate they would most like to care for them and/or their family members.

The ceremony concluded with a cake and punch reception in honor of the graduates.



SCRMC Rep & Tim Smallwood

Dr. Teresa Howell & Alyse Darnell

Dr. Lucy Mays & Cynthia Adams

Dr. Lucy Mays & Sarah Lunsford

Dr. Lucy Mays & Dara Furman

Dr. Teresa Howell & Amber Adair

BSN Graduate Reception and Awards

The Department of Nursing Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN) Program hosted a graduate awards reception for May graduates where students received special awards, recognitions, and scholarships.

Students were recognized for the achievement of their Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing degree and their dedication to the nursing profession. Several students were also recognized for their performance in particular areas associated with the Baccalaureate Nursing Program.



Nursing students graduating with the BSN degree were honored on April 23, 2014 in the DeMoss Conference Center in the CHER Building. Students were greeted by department chairperson, Dr. Lynn Parsons. Dr. Roger McNeil, Dean of the College of Science and Technology was present and gave congratulatory remarks. Dr. Kim Clevenger spoke about the important commitment to service that nursing professionals have to the patients we care for at all ages in varied settings. She quoted Florence Nightingale, "Nursing is an art; and if it is to be made an art, it requires as exclusive a devotion, as hard a preparation, as any painter's or sculptor's work; for what is having to do with dead canvas or cold marble, compared with having to do with the living body – the temple of God's spirit? It is one of Fine Arts;..... I had almost said the finest of Fine Arts."

- *Nursing Leadership Award presented by St. Claire.....Danielle Owens
- *Nursing Leadership Award presented by BNP.....Arian Synder
- *HESI Pharmacology Award.....Kelsey Hill
- *HESI Pharmacology 1000+ Award.....Shelby Bond, Shelby Branam, Samantha Bush, Brittany Daugherty, Mallory Gabbard, Alicia Harless, Molly Hicks, Kelsey Hill, Rhonda Hughes, Destiny Key, Molly Kramer, Danielle Owens, Laura Peters, Paige Pugh, Arian Snyder, Jaysa Stark, Brandon Tackett, Keyla Tackett, Brittany Tokurah, Aneal Virani, & Alix Whitt
- *HESI RN Exit Exam Award.....Kelsey Hill
- *Lamp of Knowledge Award.....Shelby Bond, Shelby Branam, Ashley Cook, Alicia Harless, Kelsey Hill, Rhonda Hughes, Destiny Key, Molly Kramer, Paige Pugh, Jaysa Stark, Brandon Tackett, & Aneal Virani
- *Honor's Award - Outstanding Student.....Kelsey Hill
- *Clinical Simulation Award.....Danielle Owens
- *Research Award.....Shelby Branam & Alicia Harless
- *Service Award.....Shelby Branam, Brandon Tackett, Kayla Tackett, & Kelsey Hill
- *Certificate of Completion.....All Graduates
- *Art of Nursing Award.....Danielle Owens
- "Voted on by peers and faculty as the nursing student they would choose to take care of themselves"



Pictured are graduates of the 2014 BSN class.

Several graduation senior nursing received awards for their accomplishments. Kelsey Hill received the Honors award for the BSN graduate with the highest grade point average (GPA), Highest HESI Exit and Highest HESI Pharmacology Awards, Arian Synder received the MSU Nursing Leadership award. Danielle Owens received the Excellence in Simulation award and the Art of Nursing award. Danielle was also the recipient of the St. Claire Regional Medical Center Nursing Leadership award. The Excellence in Nursing Research award was presented to Shelby Branam and Alicia Harless. Several students received the HESI Lamp of Knowledge award for scoring 1,000 or greater on the HESI Exit exam: Shelby Bond, Shelby Branam, Ashley Cook, Alicia Harless, Kelsey Hill, Rhonda Hughes, Destiny Key, Molly Kramer, Paige Pugh, Jaysa Stark, Brandon Tackett, and Aneal Virani.

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BSN Graduate Reception and Awards

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BSN Graduate Reception and Awards

The following students were awarded the HESI Pharmacology 1000+ award for scoring 1,000 or greater on the Pharmacology HESI: Shelby Bond, Shelby Branam, Samantha Bush, Brittany Daugherty, Mallory Gabbard, Alicia Harless, Molly Hicks, Kelsey Hill, Rhonda Hughes, Destiny Key, Molly Kramer, Danielle Owens, Laura Peters, Paige Pugh, Arian Snyder, Jaysa Stark, Brandon Tackett, Kayla Tackett, Brittany Tokurah, Aneal Virani, and Alix Whitt.

Additionally, several students received the Outstanding Service award for their work with in the community and/or service on BSN Curriculum Committee: Shelby Branam, Brandon Tackett, Kayla Tackett, and Kelsey Hill.

Parents and family members joined in watching a DVD that was prepared by the BSN faculty memorializing the students' progress through the program from their sophomore to senior year. Several pictures were taken and all present enjoyed a cake and punch reception. We are proud of our graduates and welcome them to the nursing profession!



Danielle Owens receives the Art of Nursing Award from St. Claire Regional Medical Center representative Nick Hammonds. Nick is Director of Emergency Services at SCRMC and an MSU Nursing Program alumni.



ROTC nursing student Arian Snyder receives the Morehead State University nursing leadership award from Dr. Kim Clevenger, BSN Programs Coordinator at the 2014 BSN Graduation Awards Ceremony.

New Grads Easily Secure Nursing Positions

Many graduates have shared with faculty and staff in the nursing program that they have received nursing positions at their first choice hospitals! We could not be happier for them! Here is where a few of them accepted their first practice position as a registered nurse (RN).

Timmy Smallwood, a Paramedic was the May 2014 St Claire Regional Medical Center (SCRMC) recipient of the *Art of Nursing Award*. Timmy graduated in May with the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing (AASN) degree. Timmy accepted employment in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at SCRMC and is slated to start employment in July!

His Paramedic clinical experience along with his nursing degree helped pave the way to gain this position. He is excited and shared that his preceptor in the SCRMCs ICU, Nancy Gulley was “awesome!” The NURA 209 (Nursing IV) Practicum experience at SCR made an impression on Timmy and he followed through with an application. He was in a cohort of 10 Paramedic students who wanted to complete the RN degree.

Danielle Owens was the SCRMC Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) *Art of Nursing* award winner for the baccalaureate program. Danielle accepted a staff RN position in the Emergency Department (ED) at SCRMC. She lives in Rowan County and has worked in the ED as a nurse technician for 4 ½ years. She went on to share that accepting the RN position was a natural transition as she was familiar with the staff and patient population. She went on to say that the NURB 499C – Capstone course at MSU facilitated “progress with the transition to the RN role.” Danielle works full-time on the 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. shift and officially started her role as an RN in the ED on June 9, 2014.

Also at SCRMC is Corey Prichard accepted a position on the 3:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m. shift in the Emergency Department (ED). Corey is joined by fellow alums Cairee Fannin, Heather O’Hara and Shana Cooper.

Brandon and Kayla Tacket were married in their senior year of nursing school. Both accepted staff RN positions at Pikeville Medical Center (PMC). Kayla now practices in the Newborn Nursery. She shared, “I truly have enjoyed my first RN experience very much! OB is where my heart has always been.” Brandon works full time on PMCs Medical Unit.

Molly Hicks has a keen interest in pediatric nursing. She is scheduled to interview at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital.

Alicia Harless accepted a position at Jewish Hospital in the Transplant Intensive Care Unit located in downtown Louisville. Alicia reports that she “cares for culturally diverse patients with very high acuity levels.”

We would love to hear where our graduates accepted their first RN positions from the fall and spring 2014 classes! Please contact Misty Lilley at m.lilley@moreheadstate.edu (606-783-2639) so we can share where you work in our next edition of the Department of Nursing Newsletter!



Timmy Smallwood is a 2014 graduate receiving the Associate of Applied Sciences in Nursing (AASN) degree from Morehead State University.



Danielle Owens pictured at the Spring 2014 commencement exercises on May 10.

Rowan County Community Baby Shower

The Northeast AHEC hosted the 13th annual “OH BABY! It’s a Baby Shower” on Saturday, April 05, 2014 at the Morehead Conference Center. This event is a collaborative partnership with St. Claire Regional, Northeast AHEC, and UK.

Students in Dr. Teresa Howell and Dr. Teresa Ferguson’s class (NURA 107) develop evidence-based interactive poster presentations for expectant mothers and their families and provide education sessions during this service learning event.

This year over 400 people attended the event. 46 nursing students provided education on breastfeeding, newborn skin care, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma (Shaken Baby Syndrome), car seat safety, Kangaroo Care, Drug Use/Abuse, Pregnancy and Exercise, and much more. The Best Student Booth Award was presented to MSU Students Danielle Jones, Amy Smith and Jessica Kronmueller for their presentation on Nutrition during Pregnancy.



Pictured are ADN NURA 107 Faculty and Students

Camp SMILE (Sharing Memories in a Loving Environment)



"MSU Nursing Faculty, nursing students, volunteers and St. Claire Regional Hospice Staff".

Camp SMILE 2014 was held May 30-June 1 at Camp Judy Layne in Meniffee County. Camp SMILE is a collaborative effort between the MSU Department of Nursing and St. Claire Regional Hospice. This was the 8th year of Camp SMILE and the second overnight camp. Camp SMILE is a bereavement camp for children who have experienced a loss. There is no cost to the children to attend camp. The camp is provided by donations and fundraisers. Dr. Teresa Howell and Dr. Nathania Bush provide an elective course (NUR 385) in the spring of each year which prepares nursing students to work through a service learning experience at the camp in the summer.

This year 20 nursing students from NUR 385 and 6 returning nursing students volunteered at the camp. 31 campers ranging from age 7-17 attended camp where they experienced a variety of bereavement activities and challenges which included rock wall climbing, archery, swimming, a team building course, hiking and much more. Each camper paired with a nursing student “buddy” who supports them throughout the camp. Children are placed in age groups where bereavement counseling is facilitated by Tiffany Fannin and Melanie Hurst, Social Workers at St. Claire and Dr. Teresa Howell and Dr. Nathania Bush, MSU Nursing Faculty. Dr. Howell and Dr. Bush are certified ELNEC (End of Life Nursing Education) trainers.

A new addition to the camp this year was group skits which the campers and nursing students participated in on Saturday evening. Pastors from St. Claire RMC and local churches were also available for campers. For more information about Camp SMILE contact Dr. Howell (t.howell@moreheadstate.edu) or Dr. Bush (n.bush@moreheadstate.edu).

WellFest

On Wednesday October 30, 2013 the Department of Nursing hosted “Wellfest.” This is a health promotion event, where nursing students educate the campus and local community on topics from the effects of smokeless tobacco to cyber bullying. The education ranges from verbal interaction to games and activities. Over 400 participants cycled through the event. There were over 50 different health promotion booths/ activities for the participants to enjoy. Community partner Gateway District Health Departments Nutritionist Sandra Ellington was on hand to help with cholesterol screening. Also available were glucose and blood pressure screenings. The University Health and Counseling Services were on hand to give free flu shots to students, faculty, and staff. Both the Associate and Bachelor Degree nursing students participated. Associate Professor Amy Brown hosted the event.



NURB 262 Students

Haiti Trip

On May 18, 2013, 12 MSU nursing students, 2 faculty, 2 clinical instructors, 1 pharmacist, and 17 checked bags full of medical supplies headed for MSU's 4th Medical Mission Trip to Haiti. In five very hot and long days over 1200 Haitians received medical care. The group hiked rough terrain to a mountain village, went to Haitian schools, orphanages, and feeding centers to provide care. Up every morning by 5:30 a.m. and staying up late to pack supplies for the next day, the group worked very hard all week. As usual this was a very rewarding trip, and the students represented MSU well. A second group of MSU faculty and students left on July 24 with a total of 7 members.



Important Dates

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| August 18..... | Fall 2014, Semester Begins |
| September 1..... | Labor Day |
| October 8..... | 1st Half Sem. Classes Ends |
| October 9 & 10..... | Fall Break |
| October 13..... | 2nd Half Sem. Classes Begin |
| October 13..... | Mid-Term Grades |
| November 5-18..... | Advance Registration for Spring 2015 |
| November 26-28..... | Thanksgiving Break |
| December 8-12..... | Final Examinations |



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