FROM THE DEANS’ DESK

This issue marks our first shared newsletter from the Research Offices of SN and CON. For those unfamiliar with the acronym, REGS stands for Research, Evaluation, Grants and Scholarship. It is the name of an advisory team of faculty and administrators at SN that predates my tenure at SN as Associate Dean for Research. The REGS team developed the procedures used in SN’s internal review process for grant proposals, DNP Capstone Projects, and Dissertation Proposals. The REGS Team continues to assist me as an advisory body (http://sn.rutgers.edu/research/). We also adopted it as the newsletter title to highlight what the newsletter covers: any changes in policies regarding compliance or grant submission, school reports of our program evaluation, news about grant agencies, our own grants, training activities, and publications/presentations of our faculty and doctoral students. One of the anticipated outcomes of the newsletter is to encourage faculty collaborations. With our recent mutual integration into RBHS, this includes collaborations within and across disciplines as well as schools. It takes time to find and nurture good working relationships, but we hope this newsletter can act as a springboard for each of the Nursing components of RBHS to begin to learn about the talents and expertise of its new partner in health care research and nursing scholarship.

I’ve asked, Janet Bowne, Asst. Dean of Research at CON, to add a few words. — MWS

As Asst. Dean of Research at CON, I’m pleased to participate in the first joint REGS newsletter and look forward to developing good working relationships with SN and fruitful collaborations. CON will begin contributing to the newsletter in earnest this semester with announcements of publications, honors, awards, and new developments. I will be collecting news items going forward and encourage all CON faculty to send me their successes and accomplishments for publication in the next issue.

A major change that will be occurring at CON is the implementation of eIRB in the near future. Mandatory training is scheduled to begin next month. The system is familiar to SN faculty, and by all accounts has resulted in a streamlined and efficient system. The hands-on training that is mandatory begins the morning of September 16th. Registration is necessary and the first class is nearly full, however more sessions will be offered at times convenient to all. Cathy Rivera, Program Coordinator for the Research Office at CON is coordinating the registration.

I want to thank Marge Sullivan for providing such a warm welcome and look forward to meeting everyone at the upcoming retreat — JMB

PERSONNEL AT RUTGERS-SN

♦ Zoon Naqvi, EdM, MHPE, MD has accepted a new position at Albert Einstein College of Medicine as the Director of Medical Education as well as a faculty member.

♦ Varun (Vern) Chhibber has accepted a new position at the Rutgers School of Health Related Professions as the Manager for Technology Services.

We wish them both continued success in their new endeavors!
The Jewish Women’s Foundation of NJ has awarded a $10,000 grant to Dr. Donna Cill, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Director of The Center for Lifelong Learning at School of Nursing, for her project entitled “Empowering Daughters and Mothers through Social Media.” The focus of the project will be to assess critical communication patterns between mothers and daughters and to develop programming to promote healthy mother-daughter relationships and decrease the prevalence of Youth Risk Behavior's among girls ages 11 to 18.

Dr. Karen D’Alonzo, College of Nursing, received an award from HRSA of $352,000 for the Nurse Faculty Loan Project.

Dr. Courtney Reinisch, College of Nursing, received an award from the Macy Foundation of $1,000 for her program in middle school obesity prevention.

Dr. Jill Cox, College of Nursing, received an award from Medline Industries of $25,000 to study Critical Care Adult Patients: Exploring the Relationship between Pressure Ulcer Development and Vasopressor

USEFUL LINKS

- http://www.annualreviews.org—Annual reviews is a useful source for the most recent reviews on key topics in biomedical and social sciences. Articles are available for download through the RU Library of Science and Medicine. This is a great resource for literature reviews!
- http://ur.rutgers.edu/about/resources/editorial-style-guide—As per the Rutgers University Relations website, editorial guidelines have been developed in order to lend consistency to text presentation in University print publications. In general, the same guidelines should be followed for electronic text.
This graphic depicts the various ethnic groups within the various larger cities of the United States. As per Smithsonian.com (What Makes Houston the Next Great American City), out of the ten largest U.S. metropolitan areas, these census data show that the most equitable distribution of the nation’s four major racial and ethnic groups (Asian, Hispanic, Non-Hispanic White and Black) was not in New York City or Los Angeles, but, surprisingly, Houston.

Read more: http://www.smithsonianmag.com/travel/What-Makes-Houston-the-Next-Great-American-City-213879781.html#ixzz2c9ZOBzMs
PUBLICATIONS

ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION:


⇒ Elise Lev, Teri Lindgren, Gayle Pearson, and Dean Hilda Alcindor, Nurse Educator, 38(4), 169-172, Evolution of a Nursing Education Program Delivered to Baccalaureate-Prepared Haitian Nurses.”


PRESENTATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Presenters:

◊ Dr. Elise Lev for her paper, “Self-care Self-efficacy Effects on Patients’ Quality of Life” at the 2013 BIT 6th Annual World Cancer Congress-(X’ian, China, on May 23-25, 2013).

   http://www.academyhealth.org/files/IRGNI%20Final%20Agenda%20web%20format.pdf

Congratulations to our Rutgers-FOCUS Wellness Center team. Dr. Suzanne Willard, FOCUS Director, was named the recipient of the 2013 Newark Chancellor’s Excellence Award for Service. Chosen by senior faculty and staff of the Newark campus from an impressive number of nominations, Dr. Willard’s FOCUS Project stood out because of the “important work of providing much-needed healthcare services to the Newark community.” A formal announcement, along with the recipients for Excellence in Teaching and in Research, will be made in the Fall during the Chancellor's State of the Campus address. There is a prize award of $2,500 to help further the project’s initiatives.

Willard is being honored for her role as leader of the College of Nursing team which established the Rutgers-FOCUS Wellness Center in Newark, a nurse-managed health clinic that “combines both the service and education goals of the College of Nursing and Rutgers,” according to her nominator, College of Nursing Dean William Holzemer. The clinic delivers primary care, health education and wellness services to the Newark community, and since its official opening in 2012, the Center has made “significant leaps and bounds” to strengthen its service arm in the Newark community that it aims to serve, says Holzemer. He credits Willard and her team with raising nearly $2 million in grant monies from federal and local resources, such as the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the Horizon Foundation. Willard also helped the center to secure a grant from the Nicholson Foundation, which supported a project to create murals on the clinic walls, a team effort between Rutgers’ Mason Gross School of Arts and children from the FOCUS Community Center’s Summer program.

Margaret Quinn
Lester Z. Lieberman Humanism in Healthcare Award (8/12/13)

Every year, the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey recognizes hospital employees, nursing students, and nursing faculty who demonstrate their commitment to treating patients and families with compassion and kindness. Dr. Quinn along with other awardees from other healthcare organizations in NJ, were honored on July 22, 2013, during the annual event at the Hamilton Park Hotel & Conference Center in Florham Park, NJ. Aside from a plaque of recognition, each awardee received a $500 cash award.