

April 30, 2019

Hello Beta Nu members!

Hot off the press! Look what Beta Nu Members are doing to improve healthcare and education:

* **Wendy Bridgers:** Received the 2019 Undergraduate Faculty Daisy Award. Wendy also hosts a live 30-minute radio show about family health (mental, physical, and spiritual aspects of health) every Thursday at 3pm on WBIS-LP 106.9. Be sure to tune in each week!
* **Travis Chabo:** Successfully defended his Dissertation, *Post-operative ventilation patterns and the effects of non-invasive positive pressure therapy on ventilatory changes as measured by a non-invasive impedance device in patients with obstructive sleep apnea.*
* **Kristy Cook:** Successfully defended her Dissertation, *An exploratory grounded theory of breastfeeding among women with opioid use disorder and their support persons.*
* **Kathryn Dail:** Successfully defended her Dissertation,   
  *The Affordable Care Act, public health accreditation, and community health assessment in North Carolina: 2011-2017*.
* **Cheryl Elhammoumi:** Led the Prom Closet Collection of gently used prom dresses for students in need at North Carolina School of Science and Math (NCSSM) in Durham, North Carolina (NC); She was also a science fair judge for Classical Conversations, home school and middle school age students in Rocky Mount, NC; She is also a sponsor for the NC State University engineering student Paper Science International Experiences (PIE) to travel abroad for cultural exposure and to visit the paper industry with other students; She also provides support for the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Hall of Fame Awards at NCSSM.
* **Cheryl Elhammoumi and Melissa Beck:** Will be visiting professors for an international nursing program taught at Novia University of Applied Sciences in Vasa, Finland. Cheryl and Melissa will also bring 10 students from East Carolina University College of Nursing for a study abroad experience in Vasa this May.
* **Taras Grinchak, (And future members: Agne Juzumaite, Taylor Meyer, Gabriel Wood), with faculty advisors Sandra Morris and Gina Woody:** Presented *Navigating, empowering & leading: The vital signs of becoming a remarkable Nurse (RN)* at the North Carolina Association of Nursing Students (NCANS) 2019 Annual Meeting. They also presented to East Carolina University College of Nursing Undergraduate Faculty Organization.
* **Mark Hand:** Was selected by the National League of Nursing Nominations Committee for the 2019 ballot for the position of Governor-at-Large (2019-2022).
* **Candace Harrington:** Presented at the Southern Nurses Research Society Conference, *Family dementia caregivers’ perceptions of the virtual dementia tour.*
* **Joy Kieffer and Melissa Beck:** Presented at HOSA-Future HealthCare Professionals of North Carolina State Leadership Conference.
* **Kim Larson, Patricia Crane, Donna Lake, Thompson Forbes, Linda Bolin, Diana Bond,** **Nancy Dias:** Mentors to our undergraduate senior Honor Students.
* **Kim Larson:** Will be taking 10 students for a study abroad experience Guatemala. They will be focusing on health of the community and holding one outreach clinic in collaboration with a Guatemalan physician. Beta Nu will provide $500 monetary donation to purchase essential medicines recommended by the World Health Organization.
* **Madison McCauley, Mattie Parrott, Gabriela Rudiak, Alex Stephens, Catherine Taylor, Laura Whittington:** Presented their final research project Wednesday, April 3rd at the 2019 Research and Creative Activity Week.
* **Elizabeth Mizelle:** Received the 2019 Undergraduate Faculty Daisy Award.
* **Shannon Powell, Candace Harrington, Linda Bolin, Holly Wei, Carolyn Horne, Tammy Perdue, Kristy Cook, and Chandra Speight:** All presented their research at the Southern Nursing Research Society February 27th through March 1st.
* **Janice Neil and Donna Roberson:**Presented, *Beyond the surgical procedure: Stigma and psychosocial aspects of bariatric surgery*at Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) annual conference and expo in Nashville, Tennessee**.**​
* **Shannon Powell and Martha Engelke:** Will have their article*, Experiential learning to engage millennial learners in an undergraduate nursing research course*, published in *Nursing Education Perspectives*.
* **Annette Perry:** Is an active member of the Oakmont Church Medical Clinic. She is also a leader in the CoopStrong organization, a non-profit, formed to honor the memory of Nelson Cooper. CoopStrong supports the fight against ALS by assisting families living with the disease and funding ALS research. CoopStrong also keeps the memory and legacy of Nelson Cooper alive through ECU scholarships. Connect with Annette if you are interested in helping with this program.
* **Renee Spain:** Serves on the Pitt Infant Mortality and prematurity Advisory Council. The council consist of a group of individuals who represent both the professionals and persons within the community. The mission of the group is “to identify or develop resources to improve birth outcomes for babies in Pitt County and to assure those babies reach their first birthday. The group does an event for World Breastfeeding Day and annually provides the Maternity Fair for Pitt County. This is a free community event highlighting resources for expecting and new parents and babies in our community. Exhibitors are present to represent multiple agencies. They highlight their Centering Pregnancy program at the health department, have exhibits on safe sleep, car seat safety, health choices, and where to get health care in the community. Connect with Renee if you are interested in helping with this program.
* **Debbie Tyndall, Thompson Forbes, Jeanette Avery, and Shannon Power:** Their article, *Fostering scholarship in doctoral education: Using a social capital framework to support PhD student writing groups* will be published in the *Journal of Professional Nursing*.
* **Debbie Tyndall:** Won the 2019 Graduate Faculty Daisy Award.
* **Tomika Williams:** Was awarded the Distinguished Educator in Gerontological Nursing by the Hartford Foundation. Tomika was also an invited speaker at the 2018 National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence (NHCGNE) Leadership conference in Boston, Massachusetts. Tomika also won the 2019 Graduate Faculty Daisy award.
* **Holly Wei:** Received the Scholar-Teacher award for ECU College of Nursing.

March was a very busy month with our Spring Beta Nu Banquet. We also had our Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Induction Ceremony, and Collaborative Nurse Research Day. Below I’ll share the highlights in case you missed it!

* Dr. Jonas Nguh was our guest speaker at Beta Nu Spring Banquet, held at the Hilton Greenville, Thursday, March 21st. We had 53 people registered for the event. Dr. Nguh shared information on how we can transform nursing through diversity. We also awarded three members grants and one scholarship. Be sure to congratulate:
  + Graduate student scholarship awardee: Ms**. Christina Smith** (DNP student)
  + Research dissemination travel grant awardees: **Donna Roberson and Janice Neil**
  + Research grant awardee: **Alison Swift**

On Thursday, March 28th we inducted 33 new STTI, Beta Nu members. Please e-mail or personally welcome the following:

**DaCaria Adams; Natalie Badillo; Taylor Boger; Danielle Bright; Nicole Brown; Madison Cabana; Elizabeth Corder; Samantha Dalton; Lauren Dillard; Brooke Elsam; Taras Grinchak; Kaitlin Guard; Priscilla Hollingsworth; Brooks Holt; Preslee Honeycutt; Hollie Jones; Kelly Jones; Rochelle Kreiner; Allysa Moore; Mary Nixon; Alyssa Nolan; Rachel Pak; Thomas Radley; Casey Sadler; Kendall Schunk; Cecely Tucker; Tyler Walston; Ashley Sawyer; Ryan Mitchell; Mary Jo Nimmo; Jennifer King; and Tameka Little.**

On Friday, March 29th Sigma, Beta Nu Chapter along with Vidant Medical Center, East Carolina University College of Nursing, and Eastern AHEC sponsored Collaborative Nurse Research Day. The keynote speaker, Dr. Mary Lou Sole, presented, *From the bedside to the research hall of fame: Connections and collaboration for research success*. We had almost 150 attendees and over 30 posters demonstrating excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service right here in Eastern North Carolina.

* **Kristy Cook:** Received the 2019 Collaborative Nurse Research Day Grant for $2,000.
* **Candace Harrington:** Received Best Research Award for her presentation, *I just didn’t know” family dementia: Caregiver’s changed reality following the virtual dementia tour*.
* **Tomeka McDaniel:** Received Best Evidenced Based Award at Collaborative Nurse Research Day for her work assessing the effects of health literacy training program on medication compliance.
* **Amy Campbell:** Received Best Synthesis Award for her presentation, *Teamwork, delegation and communication interventions among nurses and nursing assistants: An integrative review.*
* **Ashley Elks and Michela Stalnaker:** Tied for the People’s Choice Award. Ashley presented, *Nurses take the lead in developing a rural system of stroke care* and Michela presented, *Protecting the littlest airways: Preventing unplanned extubations in the NICU*.

On Thursday, April 4th, Pat Richie was the Sigfried Lowin Lecturer. He shared his experiences and information on information gleaned from years of developing team. Valuable information to all teams (clinical, teaching, service, scholarship, and research).

Lastly, I would like to thank the following Beta Nu members for their monetary donations to STTI helping develop nurse leaders through research, education, and global opportunities: **Elizabeth Allan, Diana Bond, Peggy Edmondson, and Phillip Julian**. And a thank you to **Robin Corbett** and **Donna Lake** for their donation to Beta Nu Chapter.

Please let me know what your doing and any awards you receive so I can share the good news with everyone!

Doing our part to connect, collaborate, and catalyze,

You, Me, and Beta Nu!

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