We’re proud to present the fourth annual edition of our Alumni Newsletter. With this yearly publication, we will keep you informed on alumni, recent graduates, faculty and staff as well as news about your alma mater. Send us updates with your good news! Also, refer any RN’s who may be interested in our program. Students can enroll in the national online track from anywhere in the country!

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UW-Green Bay Nursing Celebrates 30th Anniversary: The Professional Program in Nursing is celebrating its 30th year of offering Registered Nurses (RN) a baccalaureate completion program. The UW-Green Bay program was approved by the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin system in 1980. Professor Agnes Janoscrat was named the first Chairperson and Dr. Mimi Kubsch was hired to plan and implement the program. Dr. Kubsch has been the “face and hands” of the program for many years and remains on the faculty today. Classes began in the fall of 1981.

Dr. Mimi Kubsch

Visitors to the Nursing Office can view the “History Wall” detailing program highlights. A retrospective video is online at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-jWMW3V4w. A webinar was produced by internationally recognized scholar Dr. Jean Watson entitled “Caring Theory” in honor of the anniversary and is available at: https://wcsi.webex.com/wcs/slr.php?AT=pb&SP=E&C&ID=5129232&rKey=b37f36ba0d1cebb

UW-Green Bay to Launch MSN: A Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Leadership and Management in Health Systems gained the approval of the UW System Board of Regents on June 8, 2012. Tentative plans are for this online, distance-education program to be up and running by fall of 2013. Information about the degree will be posted as it becomes available on the Professional Program in Nursing website News Page at http: www.uwgb.edu/nursing.

Congratulations to all of our graduates:

Spring 2012 Graduation Ceremony Attendees (L-R) Katherine Merrill, Carrie Rupert, Karalyn Meitner, Sarah Hickman, Kelly Blackburn, Gina Tisch, Jessica Landry, Audra Kunesh, Martha Pettineo, Patricia Schuler-Mahaney, Huoa Vang, Osahon Kings Enodumwenben, Angela Montague, Marie Brunner

View the Spring Graduation ceremony online at: http://youtu.be/xQl-QCBkW0s
2011-2012 Grads:
Fall, 2011 graduates include: Casandra Collins, Jessica Kimps, Margaret Peterson, Virginia Riggs, Casey Tibaldo, Raychel Witt, Margaret Block, Jennifer Murdock, Gwen Haight, Vera Heubel, Nichole Krishka, Jeffery Ulrich, Nicole O’Donnell, Micky Wilde, Lisa Gervais, Tiffany Bratz, Theresa McCarthy, Trina Kaiser, David Linke, Angel Copa, Melissa Chmela, Sherri Mangan, Dhuachy Vang, Idowu Olaoye, April Oja, Cathy Monahan, Elizabeth Borchardt, Maria Zingler, Donna Poole, Katie Wisniewski, Kim Crinklaw, Karla Severson, Patrycja Quade, Robert Quade, Jessica Shires, Jacob Weinstein, Theresa Wojciak, Margaret Katz, Peter Rosen, Sharon Weber, Lori Wencel, Jill Seward, Rebecca Grandstand, Christine Pellegrini and Nancy Savage.

Spring & Summer, 2012 graduates include: Jessica Landry, Marie Brunner, Sarah Hickman, Jewel Jamrosz, Katherine Merrill, Danielle Miller, Anne Renquin, Elizabeth Stukenberg, Houa Vang, Chanthorn Vu, Rebecca Walton, Kristen Wiesner, Audra Kunesh, Gina Tisch, Shannon Thielman, Shannon Rass, Sally Bruno, Stephanie Schwind, Alicia Edmons, Molly Hassig, Sandra Pelnar, Joshua Bentzen, Jennifer Kendhammer, Carla Biehl, Carrie Ruppert Nicole Swanson, Kathryn McElree, Valerie Oliver, Angela Montague, Kelly Blackburn, Karalyn Meitner, Nicole Langlois, Patricia Schuler-Mahaney, Jill Bryon, Bridget Marchese-McBride, Martha Pettineo, Vincent Abel, Mollie Schonberg, Rick Connolly, Aimee LaMere, Osahon Enodunmwenben, Romina Cruz, Beata Moniuszko and Martha Mowry.

Alumni Updates:
Graduate and author Helen Stephens Howlett (1990) is completing revisions for the Seventh Edition of Success in Practical/Vocational Nursing: From Student to Leader. Publisher: St. Louis: Elsevier/Saunders. Her co-author is Signe Hill. Publication date is 2012.

Pat Kleba (2008) graduated with an MSN in Spring, 2011 from George Washington University and is now enrolled in the DNP program. Pat reports, "The best thing I ever did was enroll in UWGBs BSN completion program. The program's high standards as well as its outstanding faculty provided me with exceptional preparation for my future educational pursuits."

Linda Lama (2008) reports, “It was because of my good experience and excellent professors at UWGB that made me want to continue with my education. I'm pleased to let you know that in May 2011 I received my MSN as a neonatal nurse practitioner from Stony Brook University.”

Renee Kilpatrick (2004) is busy in Case Management with United Health Care Group in Tennessee. She credits completing her BSN online as opening the door to her new career.

Welcome to Visiting Faculty from Peru:
Dr. Yrene Rojas, visiting professor from the Universidad Nacional De Tumbes, Peru spent six weeks at UW-Green Bay. Dr. Rojas focused on learning more about health care systems and nursing education.

Faculty Working on MSN Curriculum: Starting on left, Drs. Derryl Block, Mary Jo DeVillers, Susan Gallaher-Lepak, Mimi Kubsch, Brenda Tyczkowski, Janet Reilly and Chris Vandenhouten.

Faculty News: Dr. Derryl Block, has taken a new position as Dean of Health and Human Sciences at Northern Illinois University. Dr. Block has been instrumental in the growth of the UW-Green Bay nursing program. While she will be missed, her many impacts on our program will endure for years to come.
Dr. Susan Gallagher-Lepak has been named Chair of the Professional Program in Nursing and Director of BSN-LINC, effective July 9, 2012. Dr. Gallagher-Lepak has been with the Nursing Program since 2003 and served as Interim Chair from 2007-2008 and 2009-2011. We look forward to the program’s continued success under her leadership.

Lecturer Brenda Tyczkowski was awarded the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) from the University of Kansas. She was also recognized as the recipient of the 2012 DNP Student Award from the Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International.

Dr. Christine Vandenhouten co-authored a recently published Public Health Finance Toolkit. The Toolkit is available at: http://bit.ly/MWvqJ8. Dr. Vandenhouten was also honored as the 2012 Alumna of the Year from Luxemburg-Casco High School. She was recognized for her commitment to Nursing education and was their Spring Commencement speaker.

Dr. Janet Reilly, Dr. Chris Vandenhouten and Lecturer Rebecca Hovarter co-authored with 5 others, an article in the March-April 2012 Public Health Nursing Journal entitled, Collaborative Design and Use of an Agency Feedback Form for Student Clinical Practicum Experience in Community/Public Health Nursing.

Congratulations to our 2011-2012 Scholarship Recipients:
Nicole Thompson - Fleurant Family Scholarship
Sabrina Spets - Lorraine Noll Memorial Scholarship
Megan Kjeseth - Loretta Wells Scholarship
Dawn Herrmann - Loretta Wells Scholarship
Julie R. Johnson - Concerned Hearts Club Scholarship


Nursing History Wall: Pictured in front of the Nursing History Wall are Drs. Chris Vandenhouten, Yrene Rojas, Derryl Block and Student Marketing Assistant Ariel Weishoff.

Join our Nurses Lounge for a social media experience devoted to professional nursing. Learn of employment opportunities and hear about the latest trends in the profession of nursing on Nurses Lounge. Join the UW-Green Bay Lounge to keep up to date on our program and to network with other alumni, faculty and students.

“Like” us on Facebook and receive quick updates about our Nursing Program. It’s your opportunity to stay connected, comment, ask questions and see pictures of recent happenings.

We want to hear from you: Please tell us of your professional accomplishments including new jobs, publications, successes at work, degrees after graduation, etc. Please send information updates to: nursing@uwgb.edu

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